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Report on the entrepreneurial hike: What happened during the Bulgarian experience

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Day 16 June arrival day in Vidin

Participants were accommodated in hotel Vida (BE, GR and Loto Fiorito) and in hotel Old town (BG, RO and UICI from Italy).

Day 17 June (morning some more arrivals to Vidin)

We started the day from lunch with some fast cooked meals in Vidin and continued with a meet and greet game in the Konak Museum in Vidin, with the great support and collaboration of the Regional Historical Museum – Vidin (RHM Vidin).

The meet and greet game offered by CuBuFoundation was a fast-dates game where people had to make as many acquaintances as they could, fix dates for 3, 6 and 9pm with different people and do those dates over 2 minutes each, sharing something interesting about themselves.

After this game, Ivan Karastoyanov from CuBuFoundation presented the Botev in history and nowadays seminar for the purpose of getting people on the same page about the historic grounds of the project – the Hristo Botev thread throughout Pitch.

Still in Konak, the participants in the project were informed about the topic of visual awareness and were assigned the task of evaluating venues inhabited or visited by the Pitch group as far as accessibility is concerned. Participants had to evaluate light/glare, clutter, textures, noise, etc.

The evening continued in Classic restaurant where the whole group was booked.

18 June

The original plan, according to which we were supposed to be in Baba Vida fortress was changed due to weather conditions and risk of slippery stones due to rain. So in the morning the group moved to the Cross-barracks in Vidin (a part of the RHM) – in order to work in-doors. The day started with a workshop by Arteveldehogeschool (Jentel and Youssri) on the topic of choosing your guide – a part of the visual awareness subject, including a discussion on various situations relevant to the mobility subject.



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The day continued at the Cross-barracks with workshops by Loto Fiorito, which had the objective of getting the team into play mode and bringing the role-play element into the history of Botev's last days.

There was a break for lunch and considering that the weather was already fine and stable, after the lunch Loto Fiorito continued the role-playing in the park of the city of Vidin where rebellious Bulgarian characters (the whole team) were given tasks and then captured by Ottoman military.

The dinner on that day was booked at the Boat Dunava restaurant in Vidin, which was enjoyed profoundly by the whole team.

19 June

The morning continued with an escaping prisons workshop by Loto Fiorito in the fortress of Baba Vida, which granted us free access for our activities. The participants were divided into two groups. Each had a tour of the magnificent fortress and an escaping prisons experience, which involved solving riddles and overcoming Ottoman guards.

There was a quick lunch in the center of Vidin and later in the afternoon Loto continued with a military training for the Pitch group in the Danube Park.

The dinner took place at Teatro restaurant in Vidin.

20 June

On the following day - June 20th - the group was transferred to Kozloduy where in the morning we had a Loto Fiorito workshop with activities for three groups, which we were divided into. There were riddles as well as guiding a person without giving directions directly, but using other words - e.g. banana instead of left and potato instead of right.

Lunch was at a local River complex restaurant. Afterwards came a visit to the Radetzky ship - a historic object from Botev's last days - where some further history elements about this part of Botev's history were given to the group. The participants could also investigate the tactile maps of the river Danube shape as well as the route through the Balkan that the rebels took to their final battle venue. Dinner was free on the 20th.

21 June

The group departed towards Lipnitsa village. We were welcomed by the local hosts – the mayor and the experts of the cultural club. The group was accommodated at a local hostel for about 20 persons for where we had ordered 2 handicapped access chemical toilets as well as at local houses. The hosts planned all our meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner - all of which in accordance with the food allergies and intolerances we had informed the hosts about) in the hall of the cultural club. Our first lunch was there. It was immediately followed by the Hiking A to Z & First aid workshops carried out by Arteveldehogeschool (Julien and Britt).



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Afterwards we got accommodated in the hostel and the local houses. Dinner followed at the cultural club.

22 June

The day started with a hike led by the Lipnitsa hosts, who took the group on the path of Botev and his rebels. After returning to the cultural club the group had lunch. It was followed by a music workshop led by Monika from CuBuFoundation – work with the voice, creating music together, playing sound games.

The evening continued with dinner and setting up tents – an ANVR workshop, which was implemented at the grounds of the hostel. Those who desired slept in the tents, which we secured from the Vocational school “Asen Zlatarov” in Vidin.

23 June

The morning started with a frappe making workshop by Pirsos team and continued with a verbatim theatre workshop led by CuBuFoundation. In the afterwards there was a workshop by ANVR at the grounds of an old school in Lipnitsa – solving riddles again, working in teams and on team building and communication.

ANVR workshop was followed by a walking football workshop and activity led by Pirsos team again.

24 June

The group was transferred to Vratsa. After getting accommodated and having lunch, we had an Italian workshop led by UICI at the Ethnographic complex in Vratsa – a part of Regional Historical Museum Vratsa. The workshop included cultural quiz in teams and also recognition of Italian monuments presented in a tactile form as 3D printed images.

25 June

The day started with a workshop on life as a project, carried out by Ivan Karastoyanov from CuBuFoundation. This workshop was really important because it raised the question of what should come first when planning future actions and this triggered a strong discussion on whether it should be WHY or WHAT. Very interesting and informative.

The next workshop continued with some more role playing and a delivery of theatre of the oppressed workshop by CuBuFoundation again. Highly appreciated and really involving for all the participants as they had the chance to first warm up their drama muscles through some fun exercises and then comment and alter their stories of oppression via theatre. These workshops took place in a hall in the Leval hotel.



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The later afternoon continued with a visit and hike around Ledenika cave, which was accompanied by a preliminary risk assessment done by Belgian team mates, in order to check whether and how the cave would be accessible by people with v.i.

26 June

Started with a hike to Okolchitsa – to the peak and then on a hiking path – attended by all participants. Highly appreciated.

The afternoon provided another opportunity for a short hike from the center of Vratsa up into the mountain and an evaluation, which was carried out in the hotel where we were all accommodated – hotel Leva.

27 June

The group left for Sofia.

People departed on the 27th or the 28th.

Members of the UICI team attended a tandem biking event with visually impaired team members from Sofia and participated in riding around a Sofia park together with sighted volunteers.

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