



*“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.”* – Mark Twain

presentation, material and tasks

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Nowadays, in times of crisis, we are facing a Europe whose countries are drifting apart and getting more and more particular. This crisis is not only of economical kind. Also the cultural and mental borders seem to grow higher and higher. Prejudices about people from other countries are exacerbating, and getting common, extremely right-wing parties are getting stronger, the official political tune between the different countries is often characterized by pointing out the own interests and forgetting the European idea. Surely, Europe is a place of different nations and cultures and it is a great challenge to live the idea of a European identity.

Once a German politician of the European parliament was asked in a radio interview, why he is working so enthusiastic for the European idea – despite of all the resistance, he has to face. He answered, that he had travelled a lot through European countries when he was a student and on one of his vacations he felt in love with a French girl. So he had the chance to feel the European idea by heart and this changed his life.

The powerpoint-presentation *“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.”*

deals with the idea of travelling as a way to open your mind, maybe changing your point of view and overcome prejudices by reflecting about your own expectations and thoughts. Some travel quotes should give you the impulse to

think and talk about your attitude toward other cultures, some dealing with the possibilities and the worth of travelling to discover other cultures in an open minded way.. If you follow the presentation, you will find some tasks. Some are creative and open, some are more cognitive. You can work with them right in order of appearing but you mustn't. But maybe it would be a good idea to work on them in a group of people, so you have the chance to share your thoughts with others and get into an exchange. The pictures were taken at the summer academy in Greece.