



Throughout the last week Museum of History Pavlikeni was a part of a municipal delegation which visited the region of Provence in France

The delegation was led personally by eng. Emanuil Manolov, mayor of Pavlikeni municipality. In the list of representatives were also other municipal employees, businessmen and experts in interpreting cultural heritage. The main goal of this visit was to achieve knowledge on the activities of APARE foundation in voluntary work with young people in the field of preservation and popularisation of cultural heritage. This workshop was in relation to a project for revival of the ancient pottery heritage of Municipality of Pavlikeni "Youth Brings Ancient Ceramic Heritage Back to Life". It is funded by operational program "Human Resource Development", co-funded by The European Social Fund of the EU. The base of the project is The Ancient Pottery Centre Near Pavlikeni which deep rooted traditions allow us restoring of the pottery making techniques that the Romans had.

During the workshop the following cities and towns were visited: Avignon, Arles, Miramas, as well as the village of Saumane. The delegation had the chance not only to get familiar to the practical activities of APARE, but also of the good practices of the colleagues of The School of Applied Arts in Avignon and the Departmental museum of Arles.

Thus the first phase of this project has come to an end, the rest of the activities are to be done at the beginning of 2015, but now together with our French partners on the territory of Pavlikeni. The main message sent to us by the French colleagues up to this moment is to step on the resources of natural and cultural heritage that we have and to keep its original traditional way of looking, applying at the same time modern methods for presentation to the society.

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