

## **‘European comedy’**

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### **Partner schools**

**Cyprus** – The American Academy Larnaca

**Bulgaria** – SOU "Ekzarh Antim I", Kazanlak

**Hungary** – Brassai Sámuel Secondary technical and grammar school, Debrecen

**Italy** – IISS "B. Munari", Acerra (NA)

### **About the project**

Completed from September 2010 to February 2012 five European schools explored European culture through staging national and original comedies. Each partner translated and performed four national comedic stories into English. Every school dramatized one of its national stories during each meeting's "Evening of European Comedy".

Through watching the partners' performances, the audience faced the culture of the represented country and saw the morals, traditions, history, typical costumes, customs, unique humour, music and the speech of the characters which represent that country. During each meeting, the host partner taught the guests one national tradition, one dance and one modern song at their language. A contest for creation of original comedy in English language was held. Five original comedies were created by the partner schools and performed at the last meeting. The teams then chose the best original project comedy via voting. An original comedy play was written especially for the project and performed by an international team from the partner schools.

Two e-books – *20 national European comedies*, presenting the national comedies and *Comedy? Let's create it!* presenting the partners' original comedies, were published on the project web page. The printed copies of the books can be found in the local libraries.

This project also promoted the European language variety. *The Friendship Dictionary* was created in the five partner languages. The DVD with all performances together with the project books can be used in the future education in English language and also as an example of successful cultural dialogue between different European nations.

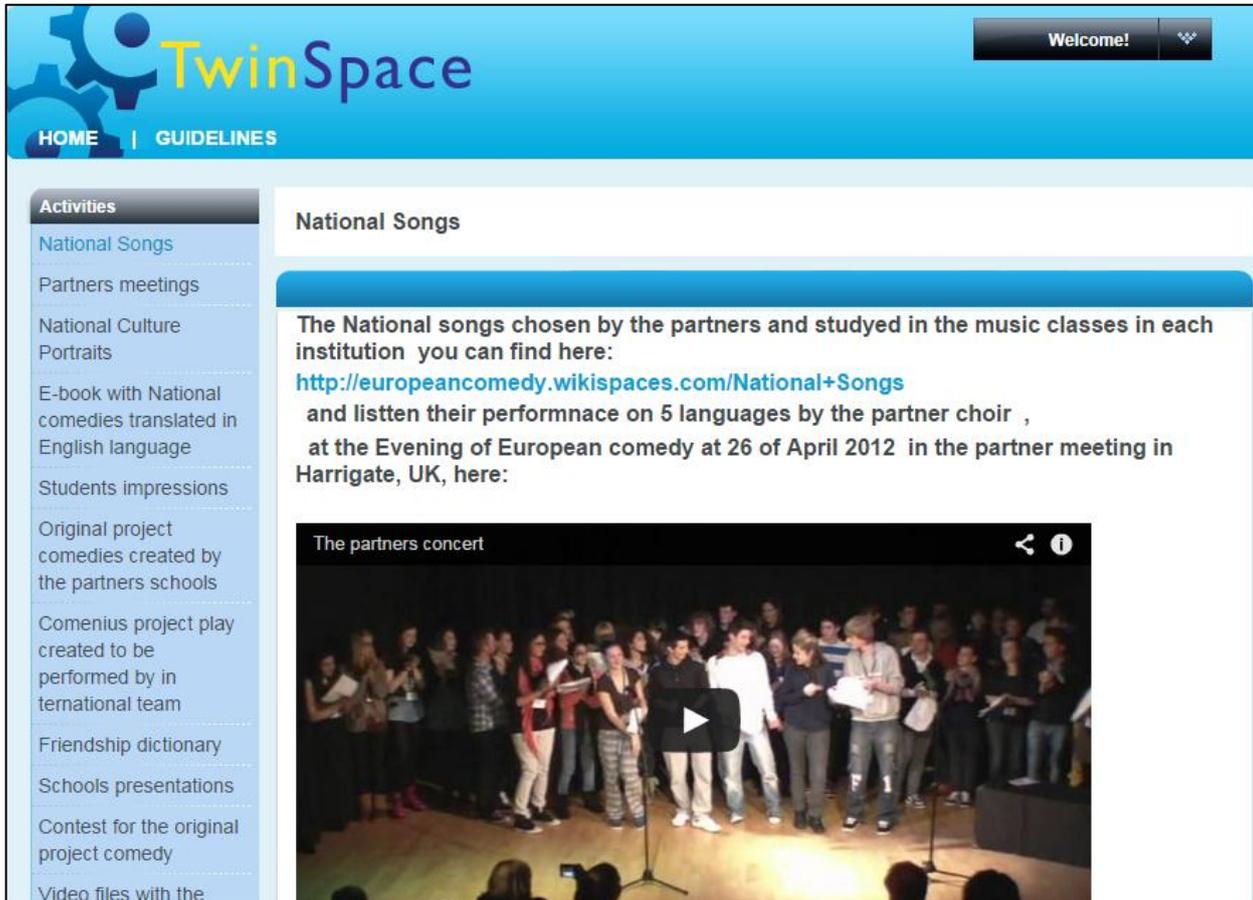
### **Aims of the project**

- To broaden participants' minds by travelling to new destinations and experiencing the culture of five different countries.
- By participating in drama performances participants discover new and stronger sides of their personalities.
- Receive a positive experience which will last for their entire lives.

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**'European Comedy' Twinspace**



The screenshot shows the TwinSpace website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'TwinSpace' logo and a 'Welcome!' button. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'HOME' and 'GUIDELINES'. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu under the heading 'Activities' with the following items: National Songs, Partners meetings, National Culture Portraits, E-book with National comedies translated in English language, Students impressions, Original project comedies created by the partners schools, Comenius project play created to be performed by international team, Friendship dictionary, Schools presentations, Contest for the original project comedy, and Video files with the... The main content area is titled 'National Songs' and contains the following text: 'The National songs chosen by the partners and studied in the music classes in each institution you can find here: <http://europeancomedy.wikispaces.com/National+Songs> and listen their performance on 5 languages by the partner choir, at the Evening of European comedy at 26 of April 2012 in the partner meeting in Harrigate, UK, here:'. Below the text is a video player titled 'The partners concert' showing a group of people performing on a stage.