

12 COORDINATORS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PULCHRA PROJECT IN 10 COUNTRIES

THANKS TO THE PROJECT, THEY DISCOVERED THAT:

- Students are enthusiastic about projects that can make a difference in their environment and have a strong interest in scientific research.
- Linking schools more systematically with researchers, educational organisations, local authorities and communities is very beneficial.
- People in the private and public sectors are willing to support students' efforts.
- The open schooling concept and inquiry-based approach work and students are able to apply them in original ways.

WHAT PLEASED THEM MOST WAS:

- To see the great work that students are able to do when given the freedom to explore.
- To experience how students develop their own projects, are curious and look for solutions to real problems related to their everyday lives.
- To find that the link between schools and professionals was perceived very positively by both sides.
- Observe how students' belief in their own power to change things has increased as a result of positive feedback during project presentations, meetings with local councils, etc.
- To hear how during some practical activities, such as planting trees or testing river water quality, students are thinking about what kind of work they would like to do in the future.

