

## **Minority Folk Song**

### **Description**

The name already says it; the Minority Folk Song project has to do with music that is typical for a certain minority. Schools are expected to co-operate in creating a European Minority Folk Songbook. Naturally, the more schools from different minorities participate in this project, the more interesting it becomes. Each school is asked to pick one or two songs in their own minority language that are typical for their region. Guided by their teacher, the children will work in small groups on the translation of a verse or refrain into English. The full translation of the song will be sent to the involved partner schools, together with the original version. One school will be responsible for the editing of the (digital) songbook. The Minority Folk Song project can take place via regular mail or e-mail, depending on the preferences and the available resources of the involved partner schools.

### **Learning objectives**

The project "Minority Folk Song" has the following learning objectives:

- To teach/improve the pupils' communication skills
- To teach the pupils to gain a better understanding of their own cultural background
- To create an intercultural awareness among the pupils
- To improve the pupils' English (translation) skills
- To exploit the pupils' creative skills

### **Target Group**

This project is suitable for children with a basic knowledge of English, starting from the age of 10.

### **Optional variety**

The Minority Folk Songbook can of course be decorated by drawings, paintings or pictures made by the children that are related to the meaning of the song. Moreover, if the resources are available the participating schools can even decide on making a Minority Folk Song CD or DVD on which the children sing themselves.