#### Nahia Otxotorena.

From my point of view, this experience I could say that has been one of the most interesting things that have happened in my life, maybe it could have been better in some aspects but I only I'm going to remember all the good things like, the new friends, and especially my exchange girlmate. I think and I hope she is gonna be my friend for a long time, and this probably is the best thing that I get from this project.

Before this experience, I thought that the people from each European country were very different in many aspects, such as, the character. But when I was with all mates taking part in the project, I realized that there were not big differences .These differences that I thought before, they werent 't true. We seemed to have more or less the same characters and views about life.

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#### Naroa Barbarin

We were in the city of Catania, in Sicily. A pretty nice city that surpised me a lot. This trip gave me the opportunity to ged rid of prejudices that I had about Italians.

I must also say that the people from other countries think that in Spain there is only, bulls, sevillanas and paellas. But they really don't know anything about the north of the Peninsula, about the Basque Country. We have nothing to do with that.

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# Ishka S.

## ERASMUS+ and MY VISION OF EUROPE

I am very grateful to have lived this experience and to have been given the opportunity to take part in a project like this. I consider it to be, one of the best things I have ever made and one of the best experiences I have ever had.

I was very lucky with my family in Finland, because they were very nice to me, they treated me very well and I was very comfortable. It is true, that if I weren't so shy, I think that the relationship would have been even closer, but I am very grateful for the treatment I was given and how comfortable they made me feel.

On the other hand, as far as the places we visited, I would say that I loved most of them, because it was a different country, a different culture and they also had a different landscape than ours. We went ice skating and saw an ice skating show. Also, we we went to a

mountain, where we ate typical finnish food... it was a very cool experience that I would repeat a million times.

We did a lot of things in a very short time, and that made us appreciate the experience to the fullest. It was all different from here, but I loved it, I found it a very cosy place. I think these experiences are very necessary and we should do more, because you learn a lot.

As I said, I am very grateful for having the opportunity of living this experience, and I would repeat it as many times as I could.

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## **Maite Areitioaurtena**

At first, when I knew I was going to travel to Finland, I got very nervous. I didn't know nothing about the country and I was scared of what was going to happend. Once there, my mates and I, were very very excited because we were looking forward to arriving in Finland.

My host family was very nice and I felt comfortable at home, they taught me things about Finland that I didn't know before and I was greatful for that. We spent the rest of the week doing interesting and funny activities such as giving talks to each other about the gastronomy and culture of each country. I think the best part of the Erasmus was that.

It was also nice when we used to hang out all thogether to watch a film, have dinner or to ice-skate! I wish I could meet again the people I met in Finland someday, it was such a beatiful experience and it has really changed my vison of Europe and the Europeans.

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#### Julen Andueza

These two years we have been visiting a lot of countries in Europe and all of them were very beautiful. The places that I visited were Cyprus and it was one of the best experiences in my life. I knew new people which were absolutely good and I enjoyed the experience a lot.

I would like to thanks the Europan Union and our school, Ikastola, for giving me this opportunity to know such great people. Thank you!

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## **Arturo Jimenez**

I think that the Erasmus project is so beneficial for all the schools and students. It is so funny and constructive, because you can meet new friends and learn about new and fascinating cultures, for example, in my case, the Turkish culture. That culture is different from mine, but I think that, somehow, they are more similar than we think.

In my opinion Europe has a great potential, because we have a lot of raw materials and initiative; but if we stay all the time fighting against each other we will finish in misery. In addition, we need to be more receptive with the normal and modest people, and specially with the immigrants that come from the African countries. In definitive, Europe is a great continent, but we have a lot of things to do and a lot of things to think about.