

## **First day in Zadar**

For the first time, the whole Erasmus group met at gymnasium Vladimira Nazora in Zadar Croatia. To start the week, we did some warm up activities. For example we all tied some blown up balloons at our ankles. The task was to keep the balloons protected until the game ended. As soon as it started everyone went on to destroy the others' balloons. This game should show us how we receive and respond to unclear signs and tasks. Afterwards we split up into three groups, each building a circle. Now we had to whisper a Croatian word once around the circle and see how the starting word changed. This should represent the distortion of information over many stations of delivery.

Afterwards we gathered in our meeting room to be welcomed by the school choir and the headmaster of the school. Furthermore a dancing-duo presented their performances to the whole group.

At 9:20am, the different countries started to present the work they did after Binissalem. Starting with the German group, we received a lot of information about German news providers and social media. Spiegel online, Tagesschau, Junge Freiheit and Facebook for example were analyzed about the way they represent German parties and how they inform about the European elections. Following up, the Spanish group spoke about current news like the Brexit, Venezuela or the conflict between Orban and Juncker and fake news concerning those topics. In addition they showed us some ways the EU affects our daily life in terms of health care, economy, education and more. Afterwards the Croatian group educated us about the way the Croatian media are oriented and how they handle the pretty new election system of the European Union. They told us how the television programs try to reach their specific target group. Last but not least, the Swiss group presented their results concerning the image of the EU in Switzerland, how Swiss media provide news about the European elections and how secondary sources help to fight fake news. To finish off they thanked everyone for listening and said that they're looking forward to the last meeting in Switzerland.

After the presentations we visited the old town of Zadar. We were divided in three groups and during the walk, Croatian students showed us some famous monuments. Each group had their own route plan, but we all had the same

final destination. We saw the main street Kalelarga, which is the longest street in Zadar. After that we visited the Church of St Donat. This church is the largest Pre-Romanesque building in Croatia and it is located on the square- Forum. Near the church is the Cathedral of St. Anastasia. It was built during the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century. From Riva we came to the Sea organ and Monument to the Sun. Next stations were Foša, Square of 5 wells and Queen Jelena's Park. The final station was the Main Square where people usually drink coffee. After walking we had some free time with our hosts and friends. We really enjoyed the tour because we thought it would be a boring city, but now we think that Zadar is so beautiful, lovely and it's above our expectations.