

## Main script for Erasmus+ podcast

Opening musical jingle: HRT Theme for 7 seconds

<Opening remarks>

**Lina:** Hello! Hello!

**Jan:** Welcome!

**Lina:** You are listening to the podcast of the 18<sup>th</sup> gymnasium from Zagreb. My name is Lina.

**Jan:** And I am Jan. Sit back and enjoy the following minutes because we are bringing you some very interesting stories.

<BREAKING NEWS – People lemmings>

**Lina:** To begin, we have breaking news, people lemmings. Anja tell us more!

**Anja:** We have just heard that more than 10 000 people started to swim across the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. It all happened this morning between 3 and 4 a.m. Their starting point was the Tunisian shore. Many women and children are involved. How desperate must one be, to do such a shocking thing? We guess one of the main reasons is unemployment, followed by war, famine and lack of any perspective for a decent life.

<INTERVIEW with a survivor (Donat)>

**Anja:** We have a survivor here. You have just been pulled out of the water. Is everything alright?

**Donat:** I'm tired, I'm cold. (shivers)

**Anja:** What made you do this?

**Donat:** I had no other choice. This... this was the only way to get a better chance for a better life.

**Anja:** Are you alone? Is your family with you? Do you even know where they are?

**Donat:** No... Luckily my family stayed at home, because I watched most of the kids drown. It was tragic.

**Anja:** You are safe now.

**Anja:** To conclude, we kindly ask everyone to come and help these people in any way possible! But first of all, we have to get them out of the water...

**Jan:** Thank you Anja!

<BREAKING NEWS – Student protest>

**Lina:** We are bringing you another report, this time from the center of Zagreb. Lara is bringing us more details.

{Background traffic music at the same time as Lara is reading}

**Lara:** I'm reporting from the center of Zagreb. Hundreds of young students are demonstrating in front of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, complaining about bad financial state of the country. They are saying that schooling in general is particularly poor. It is the cause of mass emigration of hundreds of students. Abroad they will gain experience, develop ideas and have better salaries in the future. Experts conducted a study which shows that every week more and more young people are emigrating. That concerned the whole country since now it needs to handle another problem, another wave of immigrants. Even more of them are coming to Croatia and the country isn't able to ensure accommodation and steady jobs. All these are the reasons why the youth are leaving the country.

**Lina:** That was Lara, reporting live from the center of Zagreb.

<REPORT - connection between unemployment and migrations>

**Jan:** Next up, we have a report on connection between unemployment and migrations. Leda, we are listening.

**Leda:**(introduction) Countries of Eastern Europe admit huge amounts of migrants which has greatly influenced the rate of youth unemployment. Young people tend to look for better opportunities, often outside their homeland. Let's check out the recent statistics of unemployment and immigration!

(body) 43% of young graduates would prefer going abroad for further studies or work, therefore brain drain is at its peak. It has resulted in decreased GDP and loss of inhabitants. The second wave of immigrants is occurring so the number of vacancies for new and regular residents is limited. The unemployment rates have drastically grown since the second wave started. If such situations are not carried out right, countries suffer slow development, GDP decreasing and higher unemployment rates.

(conclusion) The rise of the unemployment rate and brain drain can only be stopped by controlling migrations and offering better conditions for residents, which seems to be nowhere near happening. We can't tell for sure how long this situation will last, but we hope the countries will stabilize and develop their industry which should result in GDP growth.

**Jan:** This was very informative. Thank you, Leda!

<INTERVIEW – woman looking for a job abroad>

**Lina:** Now, we will hear an interview with a woman who went abroad looking for a job.

**Leonarda:** What made you leave your homeland?

**Matea:** There were no job opportunities in my profession, even though I graduated from two universities and finished a cosmetic course.

**Leonarda:** Why couldn't you find a job?

**Matea:** I couldn't find a job because I was overqualified for all vacancies.

**Leonarda:** What was the main motive of your departure? What was the last straw?

**Matea:** Due to unemployment, I owed a lot of money which took a toll on my mental health.

**Leonarda:** How did you feel after leaving? Do you regret your decision?

**Matea:** The transitional period was rough, but I eventually realized departure was the only option; therefore I couldn't have done anything else.

**Leonarda:** Thank you very much for sharing your story with us.

<Closing remarks>

**Jan:** I would like to thank all our guests for sharing their stories with us.

**Lina:** Also, thanks to all of our listeners for being with us today and I wish you all a pleasant day. Until next time, bye!