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FROM POLAND, FINLAND AND SPAIN



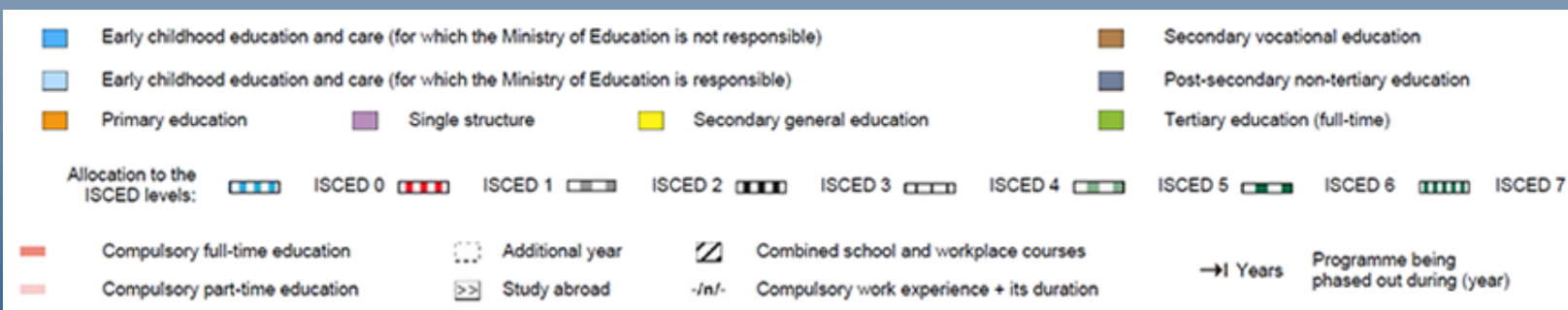
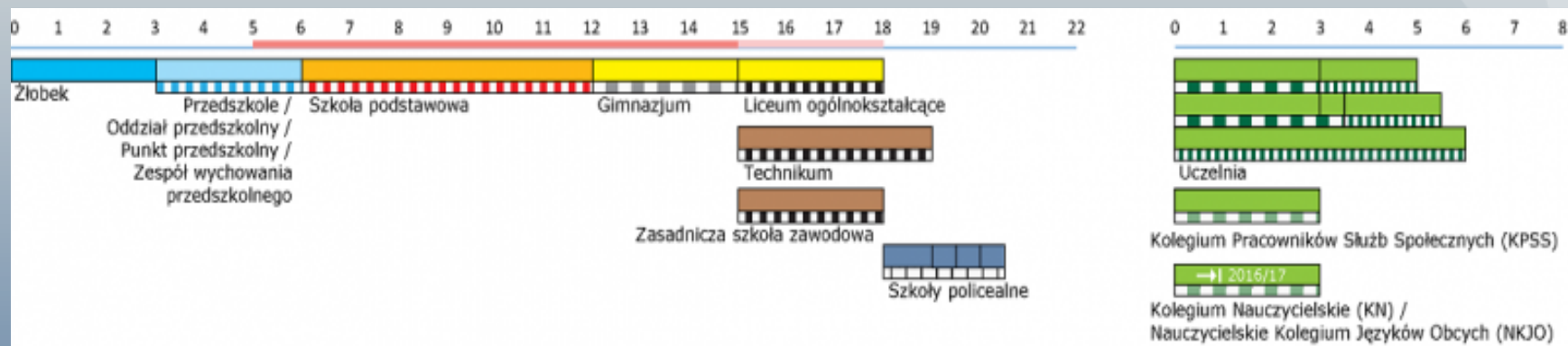
INTRODUCTION

THIS WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY 12 STUDENTS FROM FINLAND, POLAND AND SPAIN DURING THEIR TWO MONTHS EXCHANGE.
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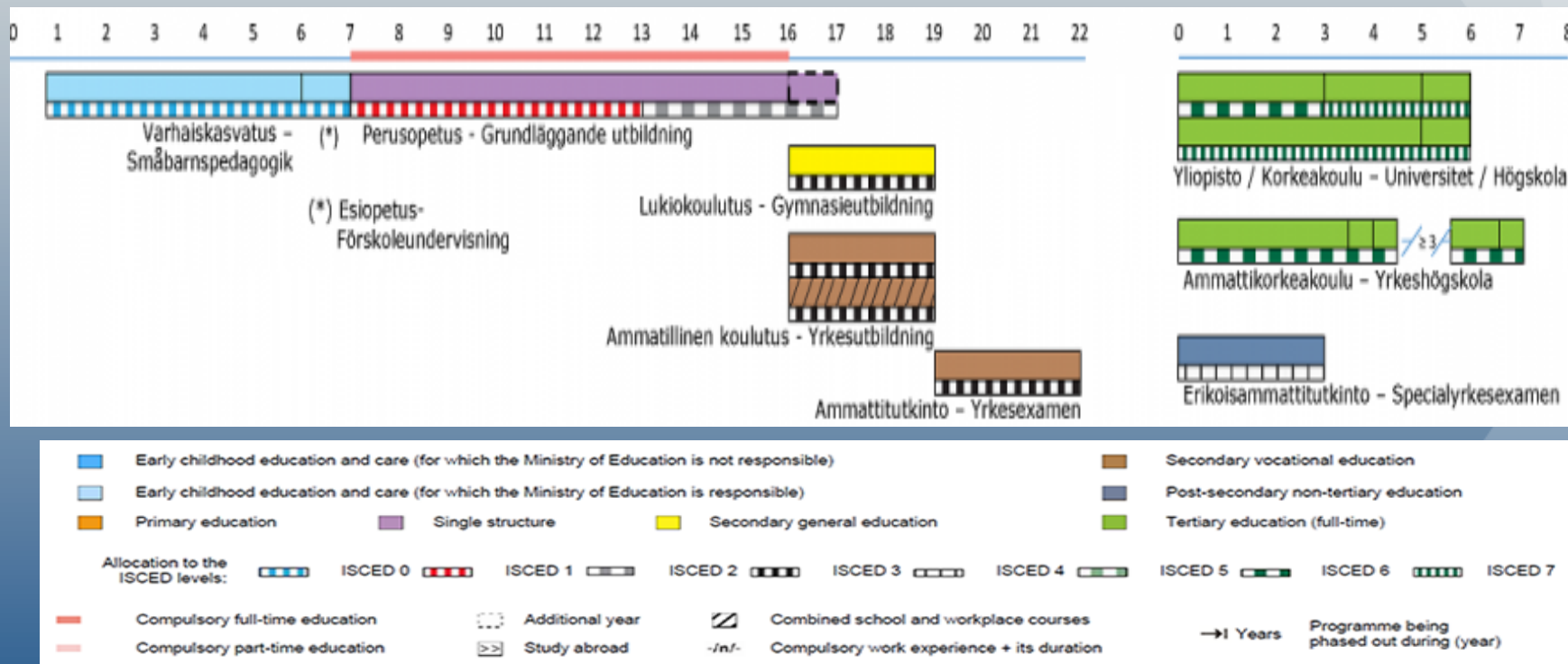
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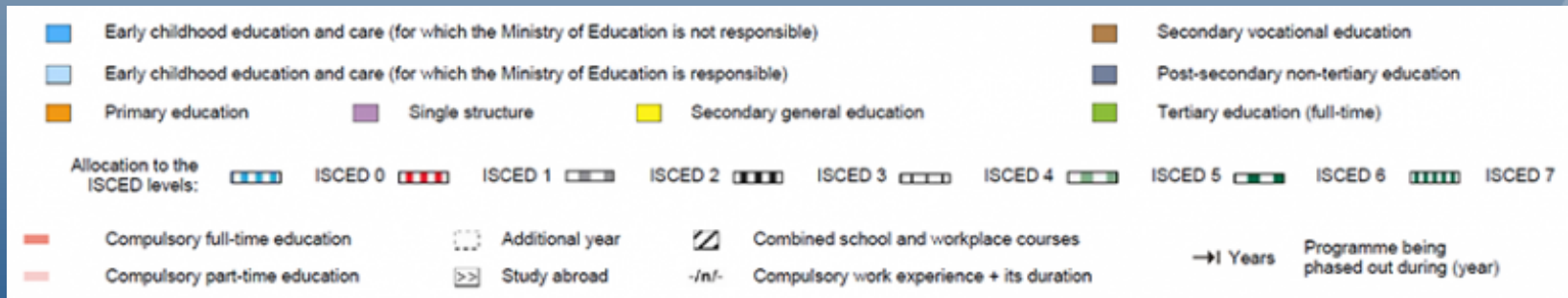
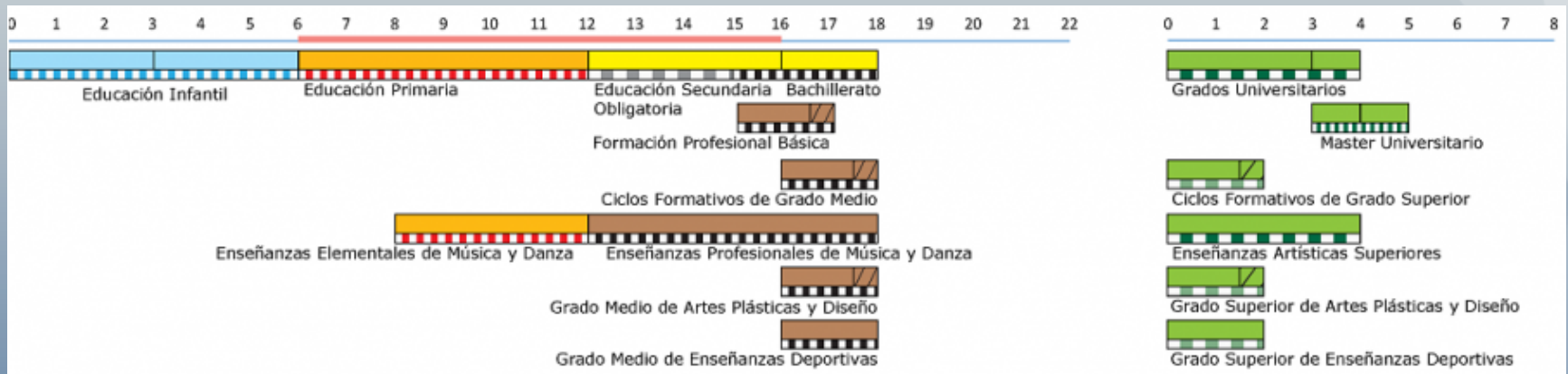
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FINLAND



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SPAIN



QUESTION 1: HOW MANY LESSONS PER WEEK DO YOU HAVE AT YOUR SCHOOL?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
7,5 - 32 HOURS	34 HOURS	30 HOURS

QUESTION 2: HOW LONG ARE YOUR LESSONS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
75 MINUTES	45 MINUTES	55 MINUTES

QUESTION 3: WHAT TIME DO YOU START AND FINISH YOUR LESSONS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
IT DEPENDS, YOU CAN CHOOSE. YOU CAN START AND END WHENEVER YOU WANT BETWEEN 8.10 -15.50	MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS FRIDAYS 8.00-15.20 TUESDAYS 8.55-13.30 THURSDAYS 9.50-14.25	WE START AT 8:15 AND WE FINISH AT 14:15

QUESTION 4: HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND DOING HOMEWORK AT HOME?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
30 MINUTES – 2 HOURS	2-4 HOURS	30 MINUTES- 2 HOURS

QUESTION 5: HOW LONG ARE YOUR EXAMS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
DURING EXAM WEEKS 3 HOURS, AT FINAL EXAMS 6 HOURS.	USUALLY 45 MINUTES, SOMETIMES 120 MINUTES.	USUALLY 1 LESSON OF 55 MINUTES, SOMETIMES 2 LESSONS.

QUESTION 6: WHICH SUBJECTS ARE COMPULSORY FOR YOU?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>IN FINAL EXAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ FINNISH✓ SWEDISH / MATHS✓ ADVANCED ENGLISH / LONG MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ POLISH✓ MATHS✓ 2 FOREIGN LANGUAGES✓ P.E.✓ HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ ECONOMY✓ RELIGION✓ ENGLISH✓ SPANISH✓ PHILOSOPHY✓ P.E.

QUESTION 7: WHICH SUBJECTS CAN YOU CHOOSE AS AN OPTION?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
EVERY SUBJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● BIOLOGY● CHEMISTRY● MATHS● SOCIAL STUDIES● PHYSICS● GEOGRAPHY● I.T.	<p>IN SCIENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIOLOGY• PHYSICS• CHEMISTRY• SCIENCES <p>MATHS.</p> <p>IN ARTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LATIN• SOCIAL MATHS• UNIVERSAL HISTORY

QUESTION 8: HOW MANY ENGLISH LESSONS DO YOU HAVE PER WEEK?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
3 LESSONS OF 75 MINUTES	3 / 4 LESSONS OF 45 MINUTES	3 LESSONS OF 55 MINUTES

QUESTION 9: HOW EDUCATION COULD BE IMPROVED IN YOUR COUNTRY?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
SWEDISH COULD BE OPTIONAL.	IN OUR OPINION, NOT TO INTRODUCE SO MANY CHANGES IN EDUCATION SO OFTEN, WILL BE ENOUGH.	WE COULD HAVE MORE SUBJECTS TO STUDY OR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES TO LEARN.

QUESTION 10: DO YOU THINK EDUCATION SHOULD BE FREE?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>YES, OF COURSE (IN FINLAND IT IS ALREADY)</p>	<p>YES, WE DO, BECAUSE EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY.</p>	<p>YES, BECAUSE WE THINK THAT ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION, SO ALL PEOPLE MUST ENJOY FREE EDUCATION.</p>

QUESTION 11: IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF EDUCATION?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
FREEDOM OF CHOICE	THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY WHAT YOU WANT	WE THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT IS TO CHOOSE THE SUBJECTS WHICH YOU WANT TO STUDY

QUESTION 12: WHY DO SOME CHILDREN HAVE TROUBLE DOING SCHOOLWORK?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>SOME CHILDREN HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES, IN FINLAND WE HAVE SPECIAL CLASSES FOR THEM, WHERE THEY USE DIFFERENT LEARNING METHODS FOR STUDYING.</p>	<p>IT ONLY DEPENDS ON WILLINGNESS. WE CAN CREATE EXTRA CLASSES FOR THEM.</p>	<p>BECAUSE MAYBE THEY DO NOT LIKE WHAT THEY ARE STUDYING AND THEY NEED SPECIAL CLASSES FOR THEM.</p>

QUESTION 13: DO YOU THINK TEACHERS GET PAID ENOUGH?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>IN FINLAND THEY ARE PAID WELL, BUT THEY COULD BE PAID EVEN MORE BECAUSE THEY ARE RAISING THE FUTURE GENERATIONS.</p>	<p>WE THINK THAT THEY ARE PAID ENOUGH. THEIR SALARY SHOULD BE PROPORTIONAL TO EXAM RESULTS AND STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE.</p>	<p>WE THINK THAT IN SPAIN THE TEACHERS GET PAID ENOUGH FOR THE JOB THEY DO. I THINK THAT THEY HAVE A LOT OF HOLIDAYS.</p>

QUESTION 14: DO YOU THINK LANGUAGE EDUCATION COULD BE IMPROVED?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>YOU COULD CHOOSE A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE INSTEAD OF SWEDISH.</p>	<p>ALWAYS IT COULD BE BETTER BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO LEARN MORE, HE/SHE WILL.</p>	<p>YES, WITH OTHER LANGUAGES LIKE FINNISH OR POLISH, SOME LANGUAGE THAT WE COULD USE IN FUTURE.</p>

QUESTION 15: WHICH DO YOU THINK IS MORE VALUABLE, THE EXPERIENCE WE GET ON THE JOB OR IN SOCIETY OR THE THEORITICAL KNOWLEDGE WE LEARN IN SCHOOLS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>THEY ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT, YOU NEED TO HAVE EDUCATION TO FUNCTION PROPERLY IN YOUR WORK.</p>	<p>WE THINK THAT BOTH OF THEM ARE IMPORTANT BUT IF WE HAVE TO CHOOSE, WE WILL BE AT THE SIDE OF EXPERIENCE, WHICH WE GET ON THE JOB OR IN SOCIETY.</p>	<p>WE THINK THAT YOU NEED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCHOOL TO USE IT IN A FUTURE JOB.</p>

QUESTION 16: IS THERE A SYSTEM OF FREE STATE EDUCATION IN YOUR COUNTRY?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
YES, INCLUDING UNIVERSITIES	YES, THERE IS.	YES, THERE IS.

QUESTION 17: DO SCHOOLS PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE ADEQUATELY FOR REAL LIFE?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>YES, THEY GIVE THE RIGHT KIND OF TOOLS TO LIFE.</p>	<p>YES, WE THINK THAT SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR REAL LIFE.</p>	<p>YES, THEY PREPARE US TO OUR REAL LIFE.</p>

QUESTION 18: IS THERE TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON YOUNG PEOPLE AT SCHOOLS THESE DAYS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>THE PRESSURE DEPENDS ON YOUR SUBJECT CHOICES, IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF HARD SUBJECTS THERE IS A BIGGER RISK OF STRESS, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT DEPENDS ON YOU.</p>	<p>NOWADAYS IN OUR SCHOOLS EVERYONE WANTS TO BE THE BEST, THERE IS A RAT RACE AMONG STUDENTS.</p>	<p>WE THINK IT DEPENDS ON YOUR SUBJECT, AND THERE IS PRESSURE IF YOU ARE STUDYING MATHS OR CHEMISTRY OR SOMETHING HARD.</p>

QUESTION 19: DO YOU AGREE THAT THERE IS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON TESTS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>IN OUR OPINION, NOT REALLY.</p>	<p>YES, WE THINK SO, BECAUSE OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON OUR FINAL EXAMS.</p>	<p>YES, BECAUSE WE NEED MARKS FOR OUR FUTURE SO WE NEED TO WORK HARD.</p>

QUESTION 20: HAVE THERE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SCHOOLING METHODS IN YOUR COUNTRY IN RECENT YEARS?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>ALL OF OUR MATRICULAR EXAMS ARE GOING TO BE DONE ON COMPUTERS IN A COUPLE OF YEARS AND ALSO THEY ARE TRYING A NEW METHOD WITHOUT EXAM WEEKS</p>	<p>ON EVERY LEVEL OF STUDYING THERE ARE DIFFERENT METHODS OF TEACHING THAT IS WHY IT IS HARD FOR US AS STUDENTS TO SAY IF THE CHANGES IN SCHOOLING METHODS IN OUR COUNTRY ARE SIGNIFICANT.</p>	<p>YES, DURING THESE YEARS IN SPAIN THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES IN EDUCATION. ESPECIALLY THE EDUCATION LAW HAS BEEN CHANGED TOO MANY TIMES RECENTLY.</p>

QUESTION 21: DO SCHOOLS PROVIDE ENOUGH CAREERS ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
YES, THEY SHOW MULTIPLE CAREER OPTIONS.	YES, WE DO. IN OUR SCHOOL YOU ARE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN MEETINGS WITH PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR.	YES THERE ARE A LOT OF POSSIBILITIES TO CHOOSE A CAREER.

QUESTION 22: WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IN YOUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>YOU COULD STUDY, INSTEAD OF SWEDISH, SOME OTHER LANGUAGES, LIKE FRENCH OR SPANISH.</p>	<p>WE WOULD CREATE CLASSES DEPENDING ON STUDENTS' ABILITIES AND SKILLS, AND GIVE STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO CHOOSE SUBJECTS THEY WANT TO STUDY.</p>	<p>I WOULD CHANGE THE TIME BETWEEN THE CLASSES AND I WOULD IMPROVE THE SUBJECTS WITH MORE ACTIVITIES.</p>

QUESTION 23: DO YOU THINK THAT COMPUTERS WILL REPLACE TEACHERS IN THE FUTURE?

FINLAND	POLAND	SPAIN
<p>IT CAN BE POSSIBLE, BUT MAYBE NOT THE BEST THING TO HAPPEN. WE STILL NEED HUMAN CONTACT IN THE FUTURE.</p>	<p>NO, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.</p>	<p>IT COULD BE , BUT WE NEED HUMAN CONTACT AND IT WOULD BE ALSO WEIRD.</p>

SUMMARIZE YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE IN THIS MOBILITY

IGA, FROM POLAND

IN MY OPINION DURING OUR STAY HERE I AM ABLE TO SEE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE POLISH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND THE SPANISH ONE. I CAN SAY THAT THERE WERE THINGS THAT SURPRISED ME A LOT, BUT THERE WERE ALSO ONES, THAT SEEMED QUITE NORMAL. BUT FOR ME THE POLISH SYSTEM IS CLOSER TO MY PERSONALITY THAN THE SPANISH ONE, AND IF HAVE TO DECIDE WHERE I PREFER TO STUDY, MY CHOICE WILL GO TO POLAND.

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KINGA, FROM POLAND:

BY THIS TIME I COULD WATCH HOW SPANISH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WORKS. I HAVE SEEN STUDENTS' POINT OF VIEW ABOUT TEACHERS AND STUDYING. NOW I CAN SEE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF POLISH SYSTEM. BUT TO BE HONEST IF I COULD CHOOSE COUNTRY, WHERE I NEED TO STUDY, I WOULD CHOOSE POLAND.

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BARTOSZ, FROM POLAND:

FOR THESE TWO MONTHS I HAVE SEEN MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POLISH AND SPANISH SYSTEM OF EDUCATION. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE FOR ME ARE LONGER CLASSES AND ONLY ONE BREAK PER SCHOOL DAY. THE THING THAT SUPRISED ME VERY MUCH IS THE LEVEL OF NOISE IN SPANISH CLASSES. IF I HAD A CHOICE WHERE TO STUDY, I WOULD CHOOSE POLAND.

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ELLA, FROM FINLAND:

THE SCHOOL RECEIVED US REALLY WELL AS A PART OF THEIR DAILY COMMUNITY, WHICH MADE US FEEL REALLY WELCOME TO THE SPANISH SCHOOL SOCIETY AND ALSO EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS.

THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FINNISH AND SPANISH SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IS THAT IN SPAIN THERE ARE JUST TWO MAIN PATHS IN STUDIES: ART OR SCIENCE, AND DEPENDING ON YOUR CHOICE YOU STUDY THE SUBJECTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THAT SYSTEM. IN FINLAND YOU CAN STUDY FREELY SUBJECTS THAT YOU WANT TO.

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ERIKA, FROM FINLAND:

P.E. TEACHING BETWEEN FINNISH AND SPANISH SCHOOLS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT. IN FINLAND BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE THEIR OWN LESSONS AND IN SPAIN EVERYONE HAS THE SAME LESSON. IN FINLAND WE PRACTISE MULTIPLE DIFFERENT SPORTS AND HERE IN SPAIN THEY CONCENTRATE MORE ON CERTAIN SPORTS, LIKE VOLLEYBALL AND DANCING.

- FINALLY, EVEN FINNISH AND SPANISH SCHOOL SYSTEMS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT, I HAVE ENJOYED MY TIME HERE AND I WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK TO SPAIN SOME DAY.

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HENNA, FROM FINLAND:

The Finnish and Spanish school systems have a lot of differences. In Finland, the freedom of choice is underlined in every part but in Spain there are not so many possibilities. There are more responsibilities for students in Finland, we ourselves take care of our studies. Also in Finland we have exam weeks - we study about 2 months and then we have the exams on our subjects. As for students, I have noticed that the Spanish students are more active during classes. The Spanish school, the teachers and the students welcomed us warmly as a part of their community.

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ABEL, FROM SPAIN:

I think that there are a lot of differences between Spain and Finland: the school, the food, the habits, the timetable to eat or the different activities that you can do there.

I am so proud of myself because I managed to do this exchange although I have never been in another country. Now I have another family in Finland.

I used the sauna and it was nice, and went to the lake. It was a nice experience.

Eating new food was the best, because I was tasting things that I am not going to eat again if I don't go to Finland again.

I will repeat this experience if Henna stays with me, or I will travel with her to another country.

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SERGIO, FROM SPAIN:

From my point of view, it was a great experience because I could learn the Finnish culture which is totally different from ours. Moreover, I have seen how the educational system works, I have to say that I was really surprised about that. In fact, I would like to have this educational system in Spain.

To sum up, my experience in Finland was awesome, I really like everything from there (nature, people, school...) Moreover, I would repeat the experience whenever I could.

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JAVIER, FROM SPAIN:

From my point of view this experience was one of the best experiences that I have ever had in my life. During this experience I have improved my level of English and my personality has changed in many ways. This was the second time I had visited Finland so now I know many things about Finland.

In Finland we did many things in the highschool, especially in PE classes and outside. I loved the PE classes because I did many new sports. The school in general was amazing, and I got surprised with the educational system of Finland. I think that the worst part of Finland was the food. To sum up I think that this experience was a change in my life

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DANIEL, FROM SPAIN:

When I only lived in one country I used to think all education systems were the same in the majority of aspects. But I have changed my mind a lot since I was in *Poland*. In Poland the education system is more open to choices for the students. They have different levels for each subject and that is very good because not all students are the same. Everyone is different and it is good to learn according to your capacity. Some of the Polish students were in something called “sport-class”, where they can train volleyball in the school without some specific subjects. I like that because students are educated for their own future.

I appreciate the respect that the students have for the teachers. People are more quiet and they show they care about their future.

But I also take into account that Spanish teachers are more interactive and I can feel that I am not only inside a classroom. I am learning.

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MARÍA, FROM SPAIN:

It has been great to be in a Polish highschool because there I had the opportunity to see how the Polish Education System works. I must say that it was quite good. The lessons were only with a few students and all of them were quiet. They did not see education as a boring thing, they saw education as an opportunity.

Another thing I really liked was that they could retake their test if they failed it or if they wanted a better mark.

But, what I liked the most was that their lessons lasted 45 minutes and then there was a 10-minute break between lessons. In the middle of the school day there was a 20- minute break. I think that the school timetable is wonderful because students can rest after every lesson. The bad side about it is that some days they have to be at school from 8:00 until 15:00

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ANDREA, FROM SPAIN:

My experience in Poland was great, and I will always remember it as a good thing. Moreover, I had the chance to see their educational system, which was quite good. What I like the most about the education in Poland is that everyone appreciates going to school, and they want to do their best in their lessons.

Moreover, they have a nice timetable, because their lessons are 45 minutes long and they have a 10-minute break after each lesson so they can rest and prepare for the next one. Also, they can repeat their exams if they have not done well and I think this is perfect because we all have bad days and sometimes we do not get the results we want.

To end up, I will also say that one thing that I really liked about their educational system is that they have multiple choices in their subjects and they have different levels of difficulty in each subject. For example, there are 6 levels of English and the students just have to take a test to know in which level they choose.



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