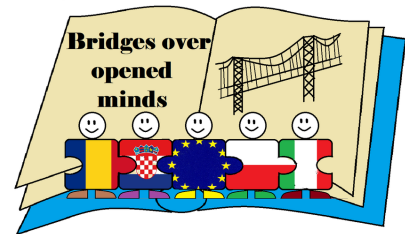


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In Poland, we have not had the opportunity to meet such a place so far. Here we discovered that help is needed. We could talk to a man who had to escape from his own country. He had to leave his homeland because of violence that was used against him. Therefore, he fled to Libya initially. There he had to work really hard to continue his journey to Italy. Unfortunately, his fortune was not good. During the journey he lost all his documents and reached Italy without an identity. Luckily, he got to a center where employees helped him regain the documents. What is more, he could also live in the center.

We admire him a lot because if we were him we would not dare to make such a trip. He had to leave his homeland and family. He felt deep regret towards people who used him as a cheap labor force. He also complained about politicians...

We asked him various questions about his life. It turned out that he had dreams similar to ours. He would like to work honestly and start a family.

The story of a refugee we heard was very touching to us. Thanks to it we just appreciate what we have today: a free country and a family. We sympathize with people who had to leave their countries as well as their families and friends. For sure, we will never forget this visit.

Laura, Maksymilian



I MET A REFUGEE...

Who is a refugee? What do they look like? Are they dangerous? We asked these and other questions to ourselves before the meeting with emigrants.

Meanwhile! A smiling, nice man greeted us. We learned his personal history of a refugee. His situation was new to us because in our country it is completely different. There aren't any or simply there are fewer refugees than in Italy. They come mainly from Chechnya and are unnoticeable to an ordinary inhabitant...

We asked him many questions to learn his story. We asked him about his dreams and how he imagines his future. Monir Bene dreams of graduating from school and learning many European languages. In the future he would like to find a job and start a family. We were also wondering if he misses his family. He told us that he misses them a lot and dreams of meeting them someday. He lost his father and therefore he feels responsible for his siblings.

We also asked how he arrived to Italy. He said his travel wasn't easy. He was born in Benin, then he fled to Libya to earn some money so that he could travel to Italy.

Thanks to this meeting, we learned that the life of refugees is not so simple. We got to know their views and understood why they are leaving their countries. Apparently, these people had to make a long way to feel safe and happy.

Malwina, Oliwia, Julia



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At the end of October I had an opportunity to take part in a trip to Naples as a part of the Erasmus + project. Beyond the Polish group, groups from other countries also took part in the project. We could learn about their cultures as well as their customs.

The main topic of our arrival were emigrants and their problems. We visited the refugee help center where we could ask some questions to those people. One of them we were even interviewing. We understood that the life of an emigrant is not that simple.

Emigrants flee from their homeland without their families and friends and dream of better lives. I think projects such as Erasmus + are useful to show young people that despite the color of the skin and language we are all the same. I think this trip gave me a very important lesson.

Julia

At the end of October I got a chance to fly to Italy - it was a part of the "Erasmus +" project. We stayed in Naples. I believe it is a very beautiful city. We met a lot of fantastic people and learnt something more about their cultures.

The main goal of our arrival was the pursuit of acceptance towards other nationalities. I had the opportunity to go to the Refugee Aid Center.

We could ask a lot of questions to people staying there as a part of an interview. The story of one man particularly touched me.

He left his parents and friends to start a better life. Now he is studying in Italy and he dreams of starting a family and buying his own house.

For sure, the life of an emigrant is not easy. They have to make very difficult decisions in order to survive. I was very sorry to hear about struggles in their lives, but I really hope that one day they will be happy.

Malwina

At the end of October I took part in a student exchange as a part of the "Erasmus +" project. We traveled to Naples. It was a great opportunity to meet new people, learn different cultures and customs.

We could participate in a meeting at the Main Refugee Aid Center in Naples. Our talks focused mainly on emigrants and their problems. We also interviewed one of them. I was very moved by the story of this man. He had to leave his family and friends to start a better life.

For me the story was very sad and touching. I hope his life situation will improve and finally he will be happy.

Oliwia



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