Expirience with Erasmus 2020+ Europe project

I am very grateful and glad that I have had the priviledge to ba a part of Erasmus project, becuase from the start it has showed me what people are capable of doing when they are motivated, curious and want to create something new and learn in the process.

Our project started in 2016 at the beginning of the school year, with the focus on establishing four main groups ( Youth unemployment, Ecology, Migration and integration and Poverty ) and finding different ways of portraying these problems. We made posters, interviews, reports and analysis with interns, professors of Politology, staff in the House of Europe... By doing these assignments, not only did we find out more about Europe, EU, current geopolitical and political problems and European history, but we also learnt how to properly write a report; or ask the right questions when interviewing; or sum-up all the important information, in short all the things that will be required from us at university, we had the opportunity to practice here.

The first time when the phrase ˝international project˝ finally got its meaning, was when the first mobility happend. In March all the chosen students from participating countries came to Zagreb for seven days. Through games, meetings and strolls around the city first connections, shared memories and friendships started to slowly form.

The other part of the school year we focused more on the preparations for the task of creating a radio-talkshow about the topics of our project. We organised groups for technical part, groups for leading the talkshow, groups for finding and creating stories with, of course, the help from our teachers. Soon came the second mobility to Finnland, some would argue the most anticipated one.In May, all excited and eager we came to Finnland and met our host families. The first impression that we got, was that everything was very well organised and in total balance. No surprises or confusions, those 6 days went in a blink. We were amazed by the beautiful and fully equipped school that we never wanted to leave ( a true rarity ), the people who are open, educated, laid back and cooperative and of course dumbstruck by the nature and the capital Helsinki. The highlight was the final production of our second radio-talkshow, on which we all worked hard. We came back to Zagreb enriched with new expiriences, impressions and knowledge.

The second year took off with the start of realising that we have a schoolplay to make. The schoolplay was about the enviromental issues and what happens to a town when disobeying basic rules for keeping the enviroment clean and eco-friendly. Again, groups were organised, rehearsasls were made, both the teachers and students came together and combined all their knowledge and skills to make a show that we would all be proud of. This prodution was also a kind of preperation for the real production that was to be held in Cordoba, Spain. All five particiating countries were to make the play there and in that way reflect on the enviromental problems that the EU deals with.

There is still the last mobility, to be held in Latvia. The main theme of the trip will be a memorandum to the project and reflection on the achieved tasks in the last two years. It is sure going to be amazing and memorable in its own way, as the last three also were.

To sum-up, I would like to say that it has been a really great expirience and I am glad that I have a feeling of what is like to participate in an internationally orientated project, that being said I appriciate all the hard-working people who have made this project real and not just a good idea on the paper. The only criticism I have, is to make these Erasmus projects even more accessible to highschools, rather than to universities, which is more often the case.

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