São Miguel Island Resources

Hello and welcome to our post mobility work where we are going to talk about the São Miguel Island resources that we where able to visit during our mobility to Ribeira Grande.

São Miguel island has a lot of beautiful natural landscapes that are also used as energy suppliers. Every landscape is full of nature which makes the island a one and only magnificent place to visit.

Renewable Energy Sources are divided, and we had the pleasure to visit to types of those. Starting with The Geothermal Power Plant of Ribeira Grande which we visited in a rainy day. The atmospheric condition makes it impossible to visit abroad but we went to the interior offices and were explained to us the whole operation of the central. We also visited the hydroelectric power plant of Salto do Cabrito, that entailed a long walk through the land and always downhill. When we arrived, the noise was notorious and once again we were able to learn the operation of the central.

There are a lot of water resources on the island and here are some of the most important and beautiful ones that we had the pleasure of visiting. We divided the water resources into three categories: streams, waterfalls and lagoons.

The first one is a stream of boiling water located in the village of Povoação. Here you can taste the Sulphur water. The other one is located in Ribeira Grande and gives the city her name, it passes near the city wall and gives the city a beautiful landscape. Just a curiosity Ribeira Grande as a parish called Ribeira Seca which means dry stream and another parish called Ribeirinha which means small stream.

Now were going to talk about three waterfalls. The first one is Salto do Cabrito where we saw the hydroelectric power plant that we talked earlier. The second one is located in Grená, a natural park in Furnas in which we walked a beautiful path to see the waterfall. The last one is Caldeira Velha which is also a natural park where we had the pleasure to walk through nature.

Last but not least let´s talk about four lagoons that we visited. First is Lagoa das Furnas, in Lagoa das Furnas you can see the wholes on the floor where the traditional Portuguese food “Cozido” is made. Beyonde the waterfall in Caldeira Velha we can also see lagoons where you can swim at any time of the year because water is always hot. The day we went to Caldeira Velha was really funny because we had the experience of being in the hot water lagoon and it was raining at the same time. Next is Lagoa do Fogo the second largest lagoon in São Miguel Island which we had to visit twice because first time the fog makes it impossible for us to see. Lagoa das Setes Cidades is probably the most know lagoon of the Azores archipelago and it is known for the two different colors that it as.

To finish our work, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the project and point out that it was an unforgettable trip that we will remember for the futures. In Azores we meet amazing people from there, Turkey and Macedonia and also, we were capable of doing unforgettable friendships all over Europe. Erasmus+ truly unite countries and cultures. A final and very special thanks to the teachers and students who went with us, to the families who welcomed us and to Escola Secundária da Ribeira Grande.