

# MOBILITY TO SPAIN – NEWSLETTER

## 18<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2019



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Five schools from Portugal (Ermesinde, Porto), Cyprus (Dali 3, Nicosia), Italy (Avola, Sicily), Poland (Cracow), and Spain (Alcalá del Río, Seville) are participating from 2018 to 2021, in the European Program ERASMUS+ KA2 «TOGETHER WE CAN». The aim of this project is social integration, elimination of social discrimination and prejudice, especially in education. That could be accomplished only through the improvement of the students' social skills when it comes to accepting one another, critical thinking and cooperation.



According to the project, all five schools participating arranged to meet in Spain, from the 18<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019. The host of this mobility was the IES ILIPA MAGNA school in Alcalá del Río in Seville. The topic of the meeting was Gender Equality. Two teachers and six students from each visiting school

participated in this mobility and every foreign student was hosted by Les Illipa Magna students and their families. They all took part in all kinds of activities organized by the Spanish school.

## FIRST DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2019

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, the Spanish school welcomed all the guests by organizing an event at the culture center of Alcalá del Río, where the mayor of the town greeted the initialization of the program. The event included traditional music and dancing presented by students of the Spanish school. Next, we had a tour and saw most of the important landmarks and sights of the town and then we visited the town hall. Afterwards, we all went to a gym center where everyone participated in all sorts of activities which encouraged gender equality. The day was completed with the students making crafts, using all kinds of recycled materials.





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## SECOND DAY – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2019

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, the students from each country presented projects they had prepared, based on Gender Equality. More particularly, each school had to present two important women from their country who contributed to the improvement of woman's status in society, along with two history facts that had a significant influence on gender equality.

In addition to that, each country showed a video prepared by the students based on inequality cases concerning people with different genders and at the end all students suggested ways that could help eliminating the problem of gender inequality.



Lastly, the day's activities were successfully completed with a surprise flamenco dance lesson for teachers and students. «Triana... Triana... Qué bonita está Triana...». We had so much fun!!!



## LAST DAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2019

The last day of the mobility, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, was dedicated to the town of Seville. With the help of a tour guide, we had the chance to visit all the historical landmarks of the city and learned a lot about Seville's history and culture, despite the heavy rain and bad weather conditions of that day.





On Thursday night, we all said our farewells through a goodbye dinner organized by the host school at Alcalá del Río. Certificates of participation were also given that night to all the teachers and students.







## CONCLUSION...

Despite the long journey, students and teachers had many great experiences throughout this journey and will cherish these memories for the rest of their lives. These kind of mobilities cultivate cooperation and solidarity and most importantly they give the opportunity, especially to the students who were hosted by foreign families, to learn about different cultures. These kind of activities and programs contribute in a great way in matters like diversity and understanding of a mutual European culture.

