

## Evaluating the ERASMUS experience

My name is Kostas Proestakis and I am a student at the Second Vocational High School of Chania. I am a member of the Greek team for the ERASMUS program and now that the program is almost over I would like to say how it has influenced me and what I have gained from this program.

First, I must say that this program has made a strong impact on how I now appreciate the environment. I have learnt of the many dangers the environment faces but also so many ways I can help and prevent harm that I had never thought of before. I learnt how to recycle many more materials than before. I understood how to better separate waste and how to properly dispose of each material. Within the activities we learned about the quality of air, how it should be and how it really is in different areas using a specialized device. I realized the results were disturbing but I also learned how pollution affects the atmosphere every day.

This program did not only open my eyes environmentally but culturally as well because of the coordination with foreign countries. Being part of an intercultural project, seeing what other countries presented and making my own presentations to be seen by foreigners is a completely new experience for me. It made me more confident in my use of English but also my ability to make public presentations. Most important it taught me about being part of a team.

I wish we had had more opportunities to meet live, but I realize that because of the pandemic this was not easy. Virtual meeting were good and I recognized that all the teams worked very hard but I feel that the mobility here in Chania is when we bonded the most. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again live.

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