



Students' assessment (Zaprešić meeting) - Report

The Zaprešić meeting was the second meeting in our Erasmus+ KA229 project about New Teaching Methodologies (NTM). After the meeting, we asked all the participating students to complete a Google Form answering questions about several aspects of this mobility.

24 participating students from Belgium, Croatia, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain and Turkey were asked to assess the Zaprešić meeting. They were asked how satisfied they were about the event, the organisation, the activities, and their host families. Furthermore, we asked them about their best and words experience during the week and some final suggestions to improve our future exchanges. These were the results:

Overall satisfaction

92% of the students were very pleased with the event, with 80% of them giving it a perfect score and another 12% a score of 4/5. Only 2 participants gave the event an average 3/5. This makes an average of 4.7/5 for overall satisfaction with the event.

When asked whether this was also a **valuable personal experience**, the results were almost **identical** and to the question: 'Do you think this was a **valuable educational experience**?', 83% answered with 4/5 or 5/5 and only 4 students gave the event a slightly lesser 3/5. This still results in a score of **4.5/5**.

There wasn't a single score below 3, so in general, student satisfaction was very high and there were **no feelings of dissatisfaction** with the Zaprešić mobility.

Organisation

As for the organisation of the week in Zaprešić and how the students have experienced this, the answers were also very positive.

They particularly appreciated the **welcome and accommodation** provided by the host organisation with an average score of **4.8/5** and not a single student giving those aspects a number below 4.





The **school facilities** and **activities** were scored an average **4.5/5** and **4.4/5** respectively. More detailed remarks about the individual activities can be found below.

In their further comments, the students mainly mentioned the **flawless and friendly organisation** by their hosts and the **good balance between free time and planned activities**.

2 out of the 24 students had a small remark related to the slight **changing of plans** during the week, which they felt was unexpected.

Activities

A complete overview of every activity that took place during the Zaprešić mobility can be found in the survey, but the following activities were the most or least appreciated of them all.

The **top activities** were clearly the *Plitvice Lakes National Park visit* on number 1 (22 out of the 24 students rated this activity 'Fantastic!'), the *Museum of Illusions* on number 2 and the *Zagreb Time Travel*, *Bowling* and *Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party* together on number 3. Nearly all the other activities were also much appreciated.

The ones that **scored the least** were the *City Library Workshop* (only - but still - 15 out of the 24 students were enthusiastic about this event; 3 of them found this not interesting at all), followed by *Painting Skylines* (with 'only' 19 enthusiasts and 5 people who were less enthusiastic) and the *eTwinning*, *eCookbook and eMagazine* activity with a similar score.

Host family

22 out of the **24** students were very pleased with their host family. The 2 other students rated this experience a 3/5.







They also felt very **welcomed** and mostly described their host family as very **nice**, **kind**, **friendly** and **welcoming**. Many also felt sad to leave and appreciated how their family had made efforts to calm them down during their arrival. Some even felt like a member of the family after a week.

There wasn't a single negative remark in the comments section about the host families.

Personal experience

As the word cloud below illustrates, the most valuable learning experience for the students was mostly related to **meeting new people**, **spending time spent together**, **learning about different countries** and learning from each other's presentations, although there is obviously also a lot of variation in their answers.







Best experience

As we have mentioned before, the **Plitvice Lakes** were the most popular activities, so this comes back several times when asked about the students' best experience during the week. Also meeting, talking with and learning from **people** from different countries and really getting to know their host families were among the most mentioned top experiences.



Worst experience

Luckily, the worst experiences mostly had to do with **smaller issues** such as 'painting wasn't fun', 'my stomach hurt' or 'we didn't get food after our presentation'. One mentioned the farewell party because it had been late and he or she just wanted to sleep.

As we had hoped, the only bad experience that came back more than once was the fact that at the end, they had to **say goodbye** to their new friends and leave this beautiful country.

Final suggestions

Most of the students did not really have specific ideas on how to improve in the future. Some indicated that there could be even **more activities** planned in the afternoon (one student wanted to get to know the others even more), while most thought there was a **good balance** between work and leisure.

Another students suggested a two-week exchange instead of only one week, because it had been over too quickly. This is - of course - nice to hear.