# Madrid meeting assessment (Students) - Report

All the students who participated in the Madrid meeting were asked to assess how they experienced this first mobility.

# **Degree of satisfaction**

Of the 25 students who have assessed the first mobility, all of them give a score of 4 or 5 out of 5 on the general question about how satisfied they were after this event. The large majority (68%) even gives the maximum score of 5/5. This is a very positive start.

## Valuable experience

When asked if this was a valuable educational and personal experience for them, 88% answers a clear yes (with a rating of 4 or 5 out of 5). Only 8% rates this experience a 3 and the remaining 4% gives a rating of 2/5.

In their further comments about their most valuable learning experience, these were the most common words:



They mostly mention how they actually learned about differences between countries, cultures and people. How they improved their communication and social skills and learned about new places such as Madrid and Toledo.

# **Organisation**

None of the aspects of organisation that we asked about got a score below 2/5. The most positive elements, as indicated by the students,

were the welcome pack and activities, the school facilities and the activities, which all got very high ratings. The only category that scored slightly less was accommodation, which was rated perfect by 14/25 students, while 9 of them gave it a 3/5 and 2 of them only a 2/5. There was, as expected, not always a perfect match between the host student and the student they welcomed.

In general, though, students were very pleased with the organisation and often mentioned how nice their hosts had been.

#### **Activities**

Of all the activities, Toledo was definitely the most appreciated one. 24/25 gave this activity a 4/4. Getting to know each other and the Green Madrid Tour are on the 2nd and 3rd place.

It appears that the students found the methodologies presentations less attractive than the other activities, which is very understandable. This was the only activity for which not everyone agreed that it was at least interesting.

The sum of their answers shows that the activities were well chosen and liked by nearly all of the participating students.

### **Experiences with host students**

Sharing days in a row with a group of host students whose life and customs are completely different from yours is not easy. Yet, most students managed to get along quite or very well with their host partner.

More than half of them gave this experience a 5/5. In total, even 83.4% rated this a 4/5 or higher. 3 respondents gave a rating of 3/5 and only one did not match at all with his or her host student (1/5).

## **Experiences with host families**

When asked if they liked their host family and asked to describe them, these were the words they used:



Without editing, this word cloud clearly shows the number of positive words used to explain what the students liked about their families. Aside from 'annoying' (which was used when describing that the host student had a completely different personality, which can be 'annoying' at times) and 'awful' (used when describing how one of the students felt only in the beginning), all the other descriptions are positive.

# Suggestions

Students stressed the importance of a good knowledge of a common (English) language to communicate. Ofter, if there was a problem, is was partly caused by the inability to understand each other or express themselves clearly.

Other suggestions were more free time and evening and/or farewell activities organised for the whole group.

#### **Memories**

It is nice to read about the students' best and worst memories of the week. Often, good memories are about their evenings with the host families (which shows the importance of receiving foreign students at the homes of the host country).

Other major positive remarks were about the sightseeing of Madrid and Toledo and just communicating with fellow students from all these different countries.

For the rest, the answers are rather diverse. As for the most negative experience, most students mention the moment when they had to say goodbye to their host partner at the end.