

ERASMUS



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“Erasmus+ provides opportunities for participants who include students and education staff, to study, train, get work experience and volunteer abroad”

- Europe Union



BREAKING NEWS:

In addition to providing grants for individuals, Erasmus+ supports transnational partnerships among education, training and youth institutions and organisations.

MORE BREAKING NEWS

IT ALSO SUPPORTS NATIONAL EFFORTS TO MODERNISE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH SYSTEMS.



ERASMUS + OPPORTUNITIES

“the chance to combine

studying abroad with a traineeship. Opportunities are available for students at short cycle Bachelor, Master or Doctoral levels”

Erasmus+ can offer you support during your period of study abroad: whether this is in an Erasmus+ Programme country or in an Partner country. Supports traineeships (work placements, internships, etc.) abroad in a Programme or Partner country for students enrolled in higher education in a Programme Country. These opportunities are also open to recent graduates.



Open to people between the ages of 13 and 30. To be a group leader in a youth exchange, you must be at least 18 years-old.

Youth Exchanges

allow groups of young people from different countries to meet, live together and work on shared projects for short periods. Youth exchanges take place outside the school environment. On a youth exchange, you can expect to participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities and Youth exchanges last between 5 and 21 days. This excludes travelling time



ARRIVAL DAY

10.28.2022

When we arrive at the first day of the project, we haven't done that much formal things. Most of the teams arrived and in 9.30 pm, the introduction of participants started. Basically, participants talked about their information about education, names, ages. The night ended like this.

“Was fun meeting them

, older and very friendly people which seem fun to hang around with”

First Day

Formal activities in the project started today. Firstly, every team arrived. Everyone introduced themselves again. Participants played ice breaker games and they tried to learn about names.

Second Day

After a great breakfast, in the first activity, participants divided into teams. And they received a subject about erasmus programs. Their mission was to search about those programs. They presented the outcomes of their research. After presentation, there were a question session. Participants learned about other funding programs aside from Erasmus projects. After lunch, there was an activity which participants learned about new terms about entrepreneurship. And they presented the terms they learned.

Third day

Today, teams divided into by their nationalities. The activity was about introducing the funding opportunities, entrepreneurship situation and also the challenges entrepreneurship face in their country. Through this activity, they learned about the other countries and other entrepreneurship from countries. In the night, the culture night held. Countries showed their unique cultures, dances and the tastes they brought from their country.



Fourth Day

The day started with the participants gathering within their national teams to prepare a presentation on the realities in their countries when it comes to entrepreneurship, especially amongst youngsters. After lunch, they all had to focus on and prepare their Personal Development Plan. This activity was meant to help them visualize clearly where they want to be in the future, whether it's related to a business idea they have or skills and character traits they want to develop. After the discussion related to those plans, all of the participants were introduced to the 6 project outcomes they will be working on: Reels, Digital Newsletter, Entrepreneurship Guide, Educational Videos and Personal Videos



“The fifth day

was free day, in which the participants were free to explore the town, travel somewhere or simply rest and bond with the group. “

Sixth Day

The first two workshops on the 2nd of November were led by two of the participants, who volunteered to practice and improve their facilitating skills with the mentorship and support of Val, the project's facilitator. This workshop was called "Success Stories". The participants were randomly separated into groups and had to find the story of a successful woman entrepreneur, younger than 30 years old and with a business not older than 10 years. This helped them see that no matter who you are, you can always succeed if you have the right skills to implement your idea and get inspired by all of the stories they heard.



The afternoon's activity was "Entrepreneurial lab". Everyone was separated into teams in which they had to make at least two pairs of shoes out of scratch and "sell" them, the point of which was to learn the importance of a good marketing strategy.

Seventh Day

started with the participants working into teams on a set of photos, which they analysed to find the problems in and find a solution for them. After lunch the same teams had to develop a throughout plan on their business idea, based on what they did before and later present it in front of a couple of people, chosen to be the "juries". The whole process resembled the model of a popular TV show named "Shark Tank".



Eighth day

The final day of activities was dedicated to the national teams choosing their dissemination activities. Everyone worked on their project outcomes. The day finished with an emotional Secret Friend reveal and bittersweet goodbyes.



Interviews

Borislav Dzholev (Bulgaria)

My experience is unforgattable as I got closer to participants a lot and we created a big family. The project helped me to learn more about myself. In addition, I had the opportunity to meet with young people from different countries. Although before coming to the exchange, I had low expectations, I had one of the best experiences in my life. Open-minded and friendly participants impressed me the most. In addition I learned more about the topic and improved my language skills.

Nicolò Sechi (Italy)

The youth exchange is unforgettable for me as I met really nice, polite and enthusiastic people. The project benefited me a lot in terms of giving a lot of practical knowledge about entrepreneurship. It surely contributed my personal growth. Moreover, the city hosting the youth exchange impressed me a lot as well.

Tina Ilieva (The Netherlands)

This was my first Erasmus+ youth exchange which impressed me a lot. I met a lot of people from different countries, got to know their cultures and way of thinking. It was important for me to get a step closer to opening my own business. The project truly motivated and inspired me in that aspect. I enjoyed my time and used it efficiently.

Dora Iatan(Romania)

The youth exchange was interesting, enjoyable and educational for me. I have met a lot of nice and wonderful people with whom I got truly connected. Before coming to the project, I had fears to be silent and not be fully engaged to the working process. Now I can firmly state, that the atmosphere created by the participants and organizers let me freely socialize, express myself and my ideas. Moreover, I gained a lot of practical skills related to entrepreneurship, thus I have clear idea how to start my own business. What impressed me the most were intercultural nights, which were small trips for me to the participant countries.

Ulas Kalay (Turkey)

I met a lot of amazing, great and interesting people during the project. The project helped me to be aware about cultural differences, each nation's characteristics, and academic backgrounds. Moreover, I improved my multilingual, personal and business skills. I truly appreciate the opportunity to exchange different ideas, share our experience and learn from each other.

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Cultural Night

was a great way to learn about cultures different than your own. We included presentations, performances, food tasting, and so much more. The cultural night was primarily hosted by cultural and identity based student organizations.





Free Day