

Impressions of Greek students during the 1st LTTA in Athens





It was the first time that our school participated to an Erasmus program. Anxiety during the preparation of the teaching and training activities in Athens gave its place to the joy of new experiences. We were very curious to meet our foreign new friends, teachers and students, and learn about their everyday life.

We had the opportunity to have a small taste of each one's civilization. Portuguese students showed us how to make wonderful masks. We participated to Lithuanians' athletic games. We learnt Turkish dances. Our team, the Greek team, explained the real meaning of the ancient tragedy as well as the benefits of drama in human life. Through improvisation the students, who had already started to know each other, made mixed teams, invented and presented very nice sketches against racism and school violence. It was really amazing how creative children can be!

During our "ambitious" tour in Athens everybody was impressed by the exhibits of the National Archaeological Museum and the New Acropolis' museum as well. We all admired the ancient temple of Parthenon and the theatre of Dionysus. We walked through the narrow streets of Plaka and had fun eating souvlaki! We've seen the Kallimarmaro stadium! We enjoyed our day trip in Sounio to the temple of Poseidon and to the industrial park of Lavrio. We even shared a unique experience listening classical music to the Athens' music hall!

But I think that the most interesting part of this meeting was our true will to communicate, to present our lives and culture to each other. We started to realize - especially teachers and students who had never been abroad - that people make often the same thoughts and have to face similar problems although they have different customs and religion. Emotions of strong friendship between us all started to be created. We really shared an amazing experience!

Virginia

The project Erasmus+ was my first participation to an international project ever, and I must say that it was no more than a profitable experience.

Not only it helped me practicing my skills and my English, it, also, gave me the opportunity to get in touch with foreign children in my age. It was an amazing experience!

At first I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know their way of thinking, behavior or their habits. They were from different countries (specific from Lithuania, Portugal and Turkey), and my knowledge was limited to what I had found on the internet.

Soon I realized that these kids weren't that different as I thought they would be. They had the same way of thinking as we, the Greek kids, had, the same humor, the same interests.

The only thing that separated us was the distance. As soon as I realized that, I had a great time with all of them. I really enjoyed the educational tours and the places we visit. Moreover, it was my pleasure to welcome and show them my school. The funny jokes, the endless laughs, the great memories are unforgettable and I truly believe that it was an honor participating in this program.



Catherine Dokou



Dimitris Krikis

The students of the other three countries visited Greece. We warmly welcomed them and we had a great time during that week. We visited a lot and exciting places that I did not had the chance to visit during my living in Greece. It was an amazing experience.

Unfortunately I was sick the first three days and I missed a few educational visits that we did. My friends though told me everything about everything I missed so I felt a little bit better. I was really sad that I missed the opportunity to meet our guests since the time they stepped in Greece, but I met them after and I made many new friends.

My favourite activity was when Greece played football with Lithuania. I was lucky enough to participate so I was really excited. It was a challenging match that we all enjoyed.

I gained a lot from our friends' visit in Greece last year, I made a lot of new friends and visited beautiful places. We all understood though that except from having fun we had to work really hard for our trip in Portugal and we had already tasted how hard it would be.

It was a remarkable experience what I will never forget and bring in my mind in the future.



Nanina

Four groups, four different languages four cultures mixed together in Athens under the umbrella of Erasmus last year in Athens.

In the beginning all of us were hesitant and anxious to approach, for the first time, the members of the group.

Little by little, we started feeling quite at home and comfortable being with all those completely strangers to us, trying to overcome any obstacles set by the differences of culture, tradition and even religion.

We went sightseeing, attended musical events, had meals together, played games, danced, watched the interesting and joyful presentations so we finally became one team!

All the students, helped by the innocence of their age, used successfully their communicative skills exchanging ideas, joking with each other, talking about their schools, being photographed setting, in this way, the bases of friendship, promising to meet again sometime in the future.

Everything turned up to be very successful and encouraging proving once again that communication; co-operation and friendship lie beyond politics!



In March 2015 we had the first meeting with the Turkish, Lithuanian and Portuguese students and teachers. It was the first time that we interacted with people with so many differences in cultures, languages and every day lives. We created a strong connection between us, as we talked about everything and got to know each character of the kids individually. It was a once in a life time experience.

Joanna Dmitryuk



The day when the students of Lithuania, Turkey and Portugal would arrive, I am pretty sure everyone was nervous about meeting the others.

Despite the fact that we were nervous, in almost no time, we felt very comfortable with them and soon became good friends!

From my point of view I thought it was a fantastic week and every day was sure to have something new for us.

I had a great time every single time we were together and I really hope I get a chance to meet them again.

Dimitris Oikonomidis



With love
joanna Orfanou

I'm so excited with my participation in this Erasmus+ programme. I've never imagined that I would ever meet new and so unique people from so many different countries. Its even more unbelievable that we keep in touch with most of them.

It was a great pleasure and real happiness to guide them through the sightseeing and monuments of Athens, bringing them closer to a new culture. We had the chance to get to know each others culture and history through our dances, and our team work.

So we have to admit that we gave and took a lot of good elements from each other and we understood that even though our cultures differ because of the dance, the music, or the food but, as human beings, we are the same.

Last but not least, I wanna thank my school, which gave us the opportunity and I wanna thank each and every one of these people who made this experience even more unforgettable...



Sara

Even though I was sick, during the meeting with our friends from Portugal, Turkey and Lithuania, I got informed from my friends of the Greek team that it was great.

I saw many photos and heard many stories from my friends that I still wish I wouldn't have missed it.

Anyway I got the chance to go to next years' Erasmus+ meeting to Portugal and I am thankful for that.



Joanna Selimi

First of all it was really nice meeting new people from Turkey, Portugal and Lithuania, 'cause I made a lot of new friend and got the chance to work with people from different cultures and learn many things that I did not even know about history and stuff from there.

Also we worked on a project with the kids and the teachers and for me especially it was a lifetime experience that I will never forget, because, even if we had met people from other countries, I learned new things about my country and made some new friends that we are still in touch, although we are miles away from each other and I love them too much!



Sibora Dokina

The visit to Greece was one of the best parts of the Erasmus+ project. It was the first meeting with the students who visited and although some of us expected it to be a bit awkward, it turned out to be the exact opposite.

In fact you would be surprised by how quickly we became friends. The week that followed their arrival was filled with various activities that were both educational and really interesting.

Such were activities like educational visits to Athens archeological museum and the Acropolis museum. After that followed the visit to the Music Hall, which was something that appealed to most of the students.

We also escorted our guests to many different restaurants all around the city, so they could see a bit more of our cultural cousin. One day we also took a daily educational excursion to Sounio to see the legendary temple of Poseidon.

Between those days each country presented a great project that they had prepared.



Christina

When the students from Lithuania, Portugal and Turkey visited Greece, we had a great time. We were very anxious since we wanted everything to be ready so as to welcome them.

When we got to know each other, we realized that we had so many things in common, so we became friends.

We laughed a lot and we enjoyed the week we spent together.

It was an amazing experience!



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