

Despoina

During the trip to Palermo I learned some things which impressed me. To begin with, I think it's really important that they have a teacher for music and art, but also these subjects are considered as very important ones. In Greece we don't take them seriously and if we did, still most schools near the villages do not have these kinds of teachers. Specifically, in Italy, we learned that the students organize a concert at the end of every year and that was really interesting. Something that I was not expecting at all was the fact that the Italian school has a psychologist and the Italian students are willing to go to a psychologist without being ashamed of their problems. On the contrary, they try to deal with them and face them. The Portuguese school at the same time that was a part of our program, was also a part of other two or three programs. At this point we realize that what is so difficult to be organized in Greece, in other countries is completely normal and ordinary. The Turkish school created special classes in the afternoons for the Syrian refugees, so they can still have an education and that is really worthy of praise, too. The last few days we came so close with all the students and we had so much fun together. It was a very beautiful experience!

Dimos

In a conversation that I had with the students from England I learnt that in their school they do less courses but they emphasize more on them which I believe is better than doing all the courses. Moreover there was a psychologist in Italy's school, once a week, to help students with something that disturbs them. From Turkey's presentation I learnt that the school works in the afternoon to teach refugee children from Syria. I bonded with my co students from Greece a lot and we also changed numbers with the students from the other countries so we could stay in touch. I visited a country that I had always wanted to visit, I tried its wonderful food and finally the whole trip was a wonderful experience.

Lina

Erasmus is a project that opens many doors and brings you closer to unforgettable experiences. With this trip we got to "meet" new cultures and meet new people. Palermo was a beautiful city and the people were great and very friendly as well! Most of the other children were hosted in Italian homes, we however we stayed in a hotel. Each one of those has its pros and cons but I wouldn't change a single thing about this trip. As I said before we took a look at each country's culture, regarding the topic of the project. Each country presented its work in a different way so there was a big variety so we did not get bored. Some presented using videos or

animations while some others -including us- presented using the old time classic, Power Point. Moreover every country integrated different elements of the local tradition and civilization.

For instance, the opening presentation by the Italian school was more about local sites, whereas the Portuguese gave more emphasis on the local cuisine. At the end we united our work and created something new, all together. I have to admit that cooperating with all these new people wasn't the easiest thing to do; but at the end of the day everything worked out perfectly and we had a good result. Also during those five days we went on two short excursions close to the city. First we visited Monreale, a small village on a mountain with a breathtaking view to the sea and a stunning cathedral. Then we visited Mondello, a white sandy beach with crystal blue waters. For a while we got away from the pressure of presenting and got to relax for a while and enjoy ourselves. Of course whenever we had the chance we would pull out a ball and volleyball and that is when we really got close to each other, regardless of age. Actually one time some teachers joined us as well! And that we truly enjoyed.

Finally on Thursday we had our farewell dinner and it is needless to say that we had the time of our lives! At some point we even got up and sang our national anthems! I am so glad and beyond grateful that I was given the chance to be a part of this. It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. Thank you for everything.

Paraskevi

During the week in Palermo we had a wonderful experience that not many pupils have the opportunity to have. We met children from other countries and we bonded with them. We presented our work and they seemed to like our posters work, which was a good way to help us understand what a refugee is and what a migrant is. I liked the fact that there is a psychologist in the school. It is very positive because many face problems and it is a solution for the pupils to be helped.

Isabella

It was one of the best experiences and I will never forget it. I liked learning things about the education in other countries. For example that in the Italian school they have a psychologist once a week and that the pupils in Portugal choose some of the lessons they attend. I was also surprised to learn that they learn English only at school, without attending

private lessons. We met a lot of people, some open and some less open, but in the end we got to know each other and spend time all together. We presented our work without feeling nervous. I liked the excursion to the beach in Mondello.