

Different languages, same tongues

ERASMUS+ “BEAUTIFUL AS DIFFERENT”

Bulgaria 2nd mobility – Pedreguer, Spain

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to summarize our impressions. The four videos on language diversity were presented in a meaningful and thoughtful way. They truly inspired us to create, explore, and most importantly - communicate with other people. The whole experience helped us find the magical beauty of language diversity.

Bari, Italy- (27.03.2022)

Speaking of exploring the world together, we cannot omit the time we spent in Italy between our flights. Going through the picturesque city of Bari, we got to know each other better. The feeling of being foreigners in such an astonishing place made us even closer - facing a world, completely different from our own, romantically bonded us together.



Pedreguer, Spain- (28.03.2022)

After the headmaster’s greetings and the school tour, we had some icebreaking activities to get to know each other better. All the participants there were so pleasantly social and we definitely saw the opportunity for future friendships. The instantaneous shock from the cultural difference did not stop us from meddling with the others and we gradually got to understand each other.

During lunch, we got to try a small portion of Spanish cuisine. As the program continued, we were shown around the town – we got the impression that it is this further intensified the impression of a breath-taking place, full of warm-hearted people. During this tour, we truly

solidified our friendship and from then on, no matter whether we were from the Spanish, Italian, Bulgarian or Latvian team, we were all able to communicate free from any boundaries.



Pedreguer, Spain- (29.03.2022)

Endangered languages workshop

In the first half of this day, we were introduced to the world of language studies and language-related problems in our communities, particularly in Spain and Latvia. In the country of Bulgaria, no such difficulties are found, so we were more than surprised to learn how our way

of speaking influences our lives and felt a great deal of empathy for the situation. Still, it was a valuable opportunity for us to broaden our culture.

Being a visitor in a foreign country is like being an infant, gifted with the ability to think like an adult. Exploring this new culture was an eye-opening experience for us as we were able to see this exciting new part of the world. The other part of the day we spent on another tour, visiting the town's castle where we had a dramatized tour. There were two men dressed as Spanish businessmen from the 19th century. The castle had an incredible view of the whole town.



Pedreguer, Spain- (30.03.2022)

Films

The Spanish and the Latvian teams were to present their projects. Both groups had chosen to approach the topic "Different languages, same tongue" more literally. Our hosts presented their point of view through a charming compilation of recipes, all shown in different languages. And our peers from Latvia approached the topic with humour and showed the language diversity in music. We could not agree more with the artistic choice of both the

teams. They had executed their films fantastically, covering all the aspects needed to convey the grand idea behind them.

Spray paint

After the break, we were brought to an arts and crafts classroom. There we got the opportunity to make our own spray paint paintings by using all the techniques the two present teachers taught us. What is more, they actually are employed by the school who explained to us what to do were native, so we experienced were in class just like the local as much as all other students were. In this, we found something truly beautiful.



Pedreguer, Spain- (31.03.2022)

Films

The day began with the presentation of the next two films. Being one of the teams to present that day, we felt quite overwhelmed. Like the Latvian team before us, we had chosen the topic of love and art, because it is universal to all of humanity. By the end of the presentations, we were left astonished since all of us had chosen an inclusive approach, yet no similarities were found. The diversity of ideas was spectacular.

Pottery workshop

In the grand scheme of a European project, seeing something like pottery being done may appear insignificant at first. Even so, it was a truly wonderful and unique experience that opened our eyes to the important role that local crafts have in cultural development. We understood how art can showcase not only our differences but also our similarities. It was valuable for us to get a first-hand glance at a part of the cultural heritage of Spain and more importantly, it turned into a grounding experience, that reminded us that no matter race or nationality, art, and labour are alike everywhere. Somehow raw pottery became a metaphor of equality...It turned out to be a nice souvenir too.

The smell of paella and tangerines

Returning to the school for one last time we were brought to the canteen for lunch. There we caught a glimpse of the famous dish paella being prepared. To continue with this exploration of Spanish culture, we saw a nave folk dance. The breathing experience of seeing those women dancing in their colourful dresses was reinforced even more by the knowledge that two of the dancers were girls from the project.

We said our goodbyes to part of the group. How heavy our hearts were! Thankfully we had a little bit of free time to spend with our Spanish peers. One by one, goodbye by goodbye the group melted to just a few of us.

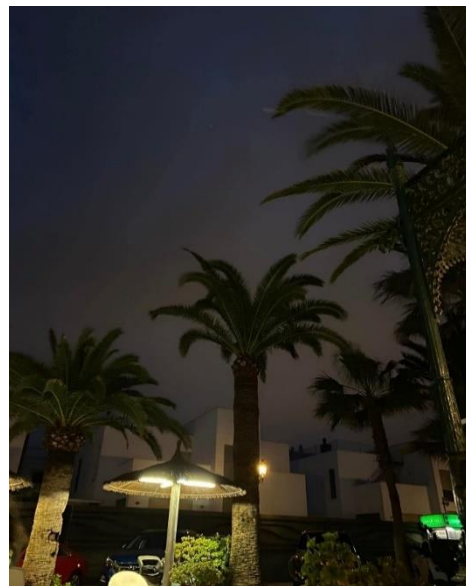




The journey back (01.04.2022)

A day spent in traveling. Here we are, a week after this journey. We learned a lot about the world outside of our own. The thing that appeared to be of even greater importance is that we learned something about the people around us. We gained each other's friendships and when the time to head back came, we were in tears leaving our newfound small family. We are extremely happy we got the chance to meet all these amazing young people. This made us understand a lot more about the world we live in today.

The project felt like a true dream – everything we got to experience, everyone we met, the time spent together – it was all spectacular. We are more than happy to have been a part of this adventure and can't wait to reconnect with our Spanish, Latvian and Italian friends as soon as possible!



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