

Jobs4All Erasmus+Project

Greece Mobility

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Last year, we embarked on an Erasmus+ project called Jobs4All. The Secretariat for Catholic Education is the official Maltese partner in this project together with Greece, Poland and Portugal. However, the SfCE issued an expression of interest for Church schools and OLIS was chosen together with Savio College.



Our Erasmus trip was more than just an opportunity for us to learn about all the different types of jobs available to us in the future, it was also an opportunity to connect with students from different cultures, get out of our comfort zones, and learn how to speak in



front of large crowds. The Erasmus journey encouraged us to grow not only as learners but also as individuals, reminding us that education can take place far beyond the four walls of a classroom, and that some of the most valuable lessons come from shared experiences. It's safe to say that the mobility

was an unforgettable one.

From the very first day, it was clear that this experience would be interesting and truly something new for both of us, filled with discoveries, teamwork, learning, and opportunities to explore things we had never experienced before. Together with students and teachers from across Europe, we explored new cultures, built meaningful friendships, and discovered



what it truly means to be part of a wider community. Every activity, whether inside the classroom or out in the city, gave us a chance to learn from one another and appreciate



the values we share as Europeans. During the week we spent in Greece, we participated in many activities and workshops. These sessions encouraged us to share ideas and thoughts, improve our communication skills in English, and even try to express ourselves in other languages

when interacting with international students. On the very first day, we got a campus tour of the Greek school with team-building exercises such as an art class. Later that day, everyone gave a presentation about their respective school and country. Before flying to Greece, we had worked hard on our Presentation. We also had the brilliant idea to take with us some Maltese snacks as tokens for the winners of the Quiz which we had prepared. On the day we were shown one of the Greek traditional dances, which we later got to perform as well. In the afternoon, we had the chance to explore the central area of Evosmos, including the town hall and town square.



On our second day in Greece, we visited the 2nd Vocational High School of Evosmos, where we learned about work opportunities and explored the different labs. This showed us how vocational education in Greece gives students both theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills. On the third day of our mobility, we visited the American Farm School, where we explored vineyards, olive groves, and greenhouses. We also took part in hands-on activities, such as planting plants and visiting a poultry farm. These tasks made the learning experience more engaging, memorable, and enjoyable, while also encouraging teamwork with others. We also got a look at the unique Greek metro station.



The fourth day of the mobility was spent discovering Thessaloniki's cultural heritage. We spent the morning exploring the Old City of Thessaloniki—visiting the Concert Hall, historic churches, catacombs, and gardens—which gave us the opportunity to connect with the city's rich culture and history. On the last and final day of our mobility, we had a review and reflection session. We took part in a feedback session to reflect on our experiences. We shared what we had learned, discussed our favourite moments, and received certificates for participating in the Erasmus program. Finally, we said our goodbyes and thanked the Greeks for a beautiful, enjoyable, and unforgettable experience. We made it a point that every day, after the activities ended, we would go back to the hotel for a short break. In the evenings, we enjoyed trying out different restaurants and tasting foods we don't have back home, like gyros and churros. The next day, we got on a flight back home with heavy hearts.

The sessions were fun and interesting, and we never felt bored at any time. We believe they were one of the most important parts of the trip, as they gave us the chance to communicate with others, explore Greece and its education system, and discover many things that were different from our own country. The schools which we visited were co-ed and students did not wear any uniforms. It was interesting to observe and experience such a different educational setting. It was a completely new experience, full of surprises and learning opportunities.

We are very grateful for this wonderful and unforgettable experience, which was made possible by Erasmus+ funds, and we are also very grateful that Our lady immaculate school was chosen to participate in the Jobs4All Erasmus+ project. We would also like to thank the



Secretariat for Catholic Education for coordinating this project. We also feel lucky to have made new friends from Savio College and from the other three countries, Greece, Portugal and Poland. We would like to thank the Greeks for creating such a memorable experience and for welcoming us so warmly. Last but not least, we would like to thank the educators who accompanied us in Thessaloniki, Ms. Rosella Bonnici from OLIS, Ms. Joanne Genovese from SfCE and Mr. Ludwig Micallef from Savio College. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your help; we truly appreciate it. We couldn't ask for better people to experience this with.

If you get the chance to participate in an Erasmus + project, you should definitely go for it — it's an amazing way to meet new people, experience different cultures, and grow as a person.

