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Participating in this job shadowing experience has been an invaluable opportunity for professional growth. The mobility allowed me to gain first-hand insight into innovative pedagogical practices within the early years, primary, and middle school settings, forming part of Istituto Comprensivo 3, in Modena, Italy. Observing these approaches in action highlighted the importance of creativity and inclusion in fostering meaningful learning experiences for all students.

Through these collaborative exchanges, I strengthened my competence in promoting interdisciplinary learning, particularly in STEAM and language education. The emphasis on integrating subjects in a holistic manner inspired me to rethink classroom strategies to encourage curiosity and problem-solving.

Equally enriching was the chance to deepen my intercultural awareness. Understanding how cultural context shapes educational practices broadened my perspective and reinforced the value of diversity in learning environments. I identified several transferable ideas, such as project-based learning and cross-age teaching and learning, that I am eager to promote in our own schools.

This experience nurtured my reflective and collaborative skills, essential for ongoing professional development. Building connections with European colleagues has opened doors for future networking and shared projects. This mobility was not only a learning journey but a catalyst for innovation and growth in my role of Head of Department for Primary Curriculum.

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