

# ENTREPRENEURIAL AND SKILFUL YOUTH EASY

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LEARNING/TEACHING/TRAINING ACTIVITY

**ISSUE 2**



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# CRITICAL THINKING and PROBLEM SOLVING

## PROGRAMME

### SUNDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> March

- meeting at the airport
- sightseeing Antalya
- welcome dinner with families

- Questionnaires
- Feedback and Summary of Activities
- Farewell Dinner

### MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> March

- welcome to Karatay Anadolu Lisesi
- Presentations and discussions on the topic *Critical Thinking and Problem Solving*
- city tour - Antalya

### SATURDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> March

- Certificates of Attendance
- departure

### TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> March

- sightseeing - Demre - Myra - Kekova
- Yatch tour - Blue Tour

### WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> March

- visiting Levent Chemical Industry
- visiting Wood Development Industry
- visiting a Medicine Company

### THURSDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> March

- sightseeing - Perge -Aspendos - Side

### FRIDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> January

- visiting Techno Kent - Akdeniz University
- sightseeing Antalya





## About mobility in Antalya

This time, the partner countries: Portugal, Italy, the CZECH REPUBLIC, Bulgaria, Latvia went to Antalya, a tourist town on the South of Turkey for the one week student mobility in the framework of the Erasmus+ project. The mobility in the coastal Antalya, took place on 8th – 14th of March, 2015, where we were welcomed by the sunny rays. Immediately, after the arrival of the students everyone was taken to the host family. And teachers were staying in the hotel on the beach. But for swimming in the sea, however, we had no time!

Turkish teachers prepared for all of us a very busy schedule. The first day of the program we all gathered at Karatay Anadolu Lisesi School, where the teachers with their students showed some internal spaces. The tour continued in the class where they prepared a presentation on the topic of Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. Each country had prepared a very interesting and informative presentation focusing on this issue, too. After all presentations we had the lunch and a tour of the City of Antalya, a quiet walk through the beautiful environment of the city. For all the partner countries, this tour was very interesting due to the fact that Turkey is the only, where you can see another religion. In the framework

of mobility, for us, the host country has prepared a Yacht Tour to areas of Demre – Myra – Kekova - places with a rich and interesting history. On Wednesday, the 11th of March we visited some firms. The first was Levent Chemical Industry – the company producing detergents, another was AGT-Wood Development Industry – the company working with wood, and a wide range of finished products and the last one was Antalya Free Zone – a rapidly growing area, where a lot of businesses, starting from medicine to the clothing industry are situated.

The next day, belonged to the ancient areas of Turkey and all participants went to Perge-Aspendos-Side. The last day of the program, in the morning, we visited the Techno Kent Akdeniz University, where a lecture was prepared concerning business and its risks. The whole afternoon we spent at the school, where the final feedback and summary of activities took place. Last night in the Turkish Antalya we spent communicating at the final dinner, which the pupils and the teachers liked very much. On Saturday morning, all participants received from the Director of the host school their certificates and went home.

## The companies we have visited

### LEVENT CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Levent Kimya San. Ve Tic. A.S. was established by Güngör and Levent PEKSEN brothers in Antalya in 1979 and later in 1987 it turned to be a family company. The company has the honour to be the first in the country, producing a chemical cleaner called POR- ÇÖZ, providing the cleaning of lime without damaging aluminium material. Today it is the leader of the chemical lime cleaning group by holding 75% of all the market share in Turkey.

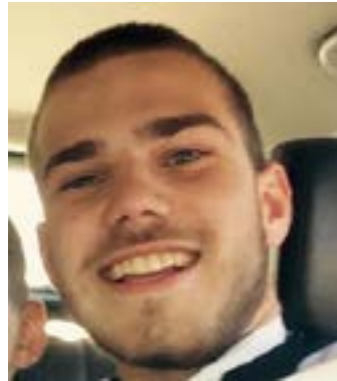
### AGT, a Wood Development Industry

AGT made its first step into furniture components sector with panel and profile production in 1984. With an innovative perspective and high quality principles the company soon became a trend – setting and preferred brand in the market. The large investments made by the company over the past 30 years have also made it a company that has risen quickly in the global market to become one of the top three companies in its own sec. It is apparent from AGT's product portfolio that in addition to panel, profile, length cover and deck production; custom project, ready to assemble or components of wood interior doors are produced at high capacity and standards.

### FREE ZONE

Antalya Free Zone is operated by ASBAS operating company established in 1986, with 18% of the TL. 247.500.000.000 - paid - in capital belonging to the Private Administration, 16% to the Antalya Municipality and the rest to the private sector. The duties and responsibilities of the operating company are established by an operating agreement signed between the Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Free Zone General Directorate and ASBAS. Based upon this Agreement, ASBAS renders services to the user companies of the zone with the established tariffs prepared annually, and approved by the Zone General Directorate. The established service tariffs in the zone are compatible of those service charges being applied outside zone area.

## Petar's experience



I think it would definitely help me in my future especially in the field I'm interested in because working in groups and being able to communicate with people from different countries and cultures it's important for being successful.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

In my opinion, the topic is suitable for the age of the participants in the project. It is important for the young people to have an idea and real-life examples of successful people like the entrepreneurs we are having the chance to meet during the Erasmus project and to hear the story about their way to the top. I also think it's interesting to see the inside of big companies and learn more about their businesses.

**What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?**

Living in the family of a foreigner was a great experience. My host and her family were very nice and made me feel like home.

**What are your impressions and experiences from the project?**

I really liked that we were always on the move. The programme we had was a little intensive but at least we got to see a lot of different things. I enjoyed the trip to historical place and fell in love with the Turkish cuisine.

**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

I signed up for the Erasmus project because I think it's a great opportunity to practice your social and behavioral skills with people your age from different countries. It is a great experience and you can not only practice your English but also learn new and beneficial things in a non-formal environment. The project combines successfully learning with a lot of fun.

In the framework of the project I visited Turkey in March where I had an amazing time.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

Mostly I got to practice my language skills and expand my knowledge about the cultures in the other countries.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

The experience I got from the activities we participated in was to work in groups of different people from different countries.

**Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?**

**Petar Vidov, Bulgaria**



**Bulgarian students during visiting a company - Levent Chemical Industry**

**Markets in Antalya**



**ERASMUS+ group during visiting areas of Perge - Aspendos - Side**



## Camilla's experience



**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

I decided to do this experience because I thought it was a good opportunity to learn English. I expected to improve my English skills.

I went to Antalya, Turkey, and I visited many industries. We visited the tomb and the chapel of San Nicola. We also visited the port of Antalya, we went on a nice boat tour and we visited a small town on the coast. We saw two beautiful ancient amphitheatres.

We also spent some time in our partners' school.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

I think it is the actual theme. It is also an interesting and actual theme for us students.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

I learned how to say what I think and I discovered new cultures.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

We visited for many companies and this was the first time for us and, since we had the opportunity to ask questions, we learned new and interesting things. We our Turkish friends' school. It is beautiful indeed. In the school there is a large court where they play different sports.

**Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?**

Yes, I think that this experience will be useful in my future especially if I have to deal with people from different cultures.

**What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?**

During this project I discovered a completely new world thanks to my host family. I had the opportunity to know the culture and customs of the family that hosted me in Turkey and I ate their typical food.

**What are your impressions and experiences from the project?**

I think that we have to do more projects like this because they are amusing and enlightening. It is a really nice project.

**Camilla Giallongo, Italy**



**Italian group during lunch**



**Italian group on the way back home**



**ERASMUS+ family**

# Kryštof's experience



**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

I signed up the project because I wanted to meet new people and practice my English. I expected some new experiences, to meet new people who will be able to help me in my life. I visited Turkey.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

I personally was interested enough and I've learned something new, and if there are any differences in entrepreneurship in our country and abroad. Today, entrepreneurship is growing and I think it is a very hot topic.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

In all aspects, I trained my English. I found out, for example, how different our Czech Christmas and Turkish one. And how different our holidays. And other variety of information, how their live differs from ours.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

I have understand how businesses operates in the state, and what are the differences in the transportation of goods, in culture. A variety of wonderful sights which I will remember for a whole my life.

**Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?**

Definitely, it will help me to improve my English. And I realized how it could be, if I decided to go abroad to work. I would say that such experience will help me in the future.

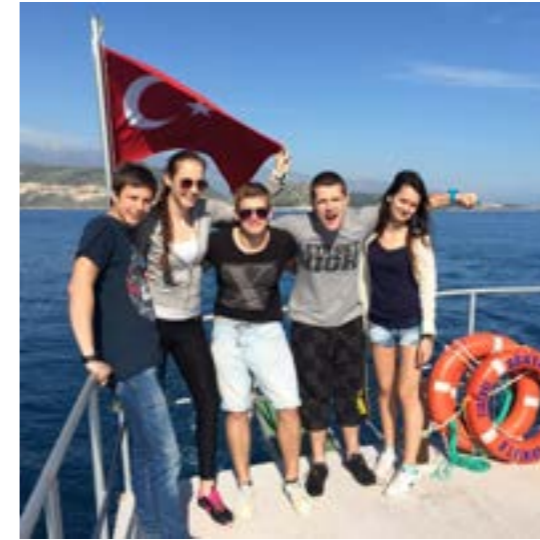
**What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?**

I was satisfied with the accommodation, it was not the problem. I enjoyed the food that his parents cooked. I had the whole room to myself, so I couldn't not complain.

**What are your impressions and experiences from the project?**

The overall impression is very good. I have gained a lot of experience, which I will remember for a long time. I hope I can get again there sometime.

**Kryštof Malík, Czech Republic**



**Czech students during Yacht Tour**

**Presentation on topic Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**



**Proud students with their certificates**





# Beatriz's experience



**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

I signed up for this project because I wanted to visit another country and learn about a different culture. I visited Antalya in Turkey because I thought their culture and traditions would be far different from the one we have in Portugal. And I was amazed by that trip to Turkey.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

Yes, I think it is an up to date topic, even though there are a few students who still find it a bit boring because they aren't focused on their future careers yet.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

I improved my English skills for sure and I also became a more open person to new cultures and experiences. I would like to repeat it one day.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

I was amazed by the visits we made, including the mosque, the amphitheatres,

the houses and the streets, the old towns, the colours and the smells from the spices and the friendliness and kindness of the people. I will never forget that experience and the friends I made there.

**Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?**

Yes, I want to work as a tour guide in the future and visiting Turkey gave me a lot of interesting information I can use later on. Besides we had to talk in English all the time which will be very useful for my future in the tourism area too.

**What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?**

Being hosted by someone you don't really know can be a bit scary and leave you uncomfortable in the beginning. But as soon as you start talking to that new friend and you keep an open mind you will feel more comfortable and enjoy the stay as much as possible. My Turkish colleague was simply great, always worried about me and my needs. I got the impression that the Turkish are quite welcoming and treat their guests as family, doing everything to make them feel at home and happy. When she came to Portugal I tried to give her the best too and we became very good friends, she is lovely.

**What are your impressions and experiences from the project?**

I think this project was very interesting and it allowed me to learn a lot of different things related to different cultures and traditions and also about entrepreneurship.

**Beatriz Marques, Portugal**



**Portuguese team in front of EASY bus**



**Happy portuguese students**



**Portuguese pirates :-)**



# Renars' s experience



reover, by visiting the companies I also got to know how businesses are run in Turkey and how it differs from what my father does at his work.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

Living in the host family was the best thing in this project because I learn about family traditions and habits and could try some Turkish specialities.

**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

As I my father works in a port, I know quite a lot about international cooperation and the importance of it in business. Therefore I decided to sign up for the project, because I suppose my future job will also be in an international company. In the framework of this project I visited Turkey.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

This Erasmus+ project is very topical because young people are more and more interested in making their own business rather than joining some company, so they need those entrepreneurial skills as soon as possible.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

I firstly learned how to communicate and and interact in an international community. Mo

**Renars Treimanis, Latvia**



**Latvian students on the way to Antalya**



**Latvian and Turkish students**



**Big bosses with sunglasses :-)**



# Some moments during mobility in Turkey



We would like to THANK all who participated in the great organization and for the host country program, Turkey, and we look forward to a visit to the other partner country, which is Portugal.