



"We were very happy to host our partners for a week. We did our best to show them what we are most proud of: Brâncuși's masterpieces and our school values. In exchange, we were rewarded by watching the students' joy while playing with snowballs around The Endless Column, The Table of Silence and The Kissing Gate. The students showed total involvement in all the proposed activities, especially in their wonderful performances in the anti-bullying theatre plays. We would like to thank you all for bringing your local cultures to our community and for having a wonderful time with you. This experience brought to light some aspects that will be improved in following mobilities. Besides bringing together European values, this project made us become friends and more motivated to live TOGETHER in a UNITED EUROPE". **Teodora Dragotă, Romanian Coordinator**



"My experience in the project Erasmus+ ALIVE was great, especially with the visit of our friends from Spain, Italy, Turkey, Portugal and Norway. I had a wonderful time working in the anti-bullying theatre play with my friends Hanna, Kristin, Benny, Gloria, Muge, Buse and Sude. We learned how to work in a team and what it really means to be a leader. We



Newsletter

Hello Europe!
Welcome back to the newsletter of the **Erasmus+ project "A.L.I.V.E." (Activating Leadership Initiatives through Values Education)**.

Here is an update on the **second meeting in Romania**, which took place **from 20th to 26th January 2019 in Târgu Jiu** involving, not only coordinating teachers but also our students from all 5 participating countries.

The meeting in Romania was focused in showing the European students how the Romanian education system is organized, by allowing them to participate in classes and sharing experiences on the issues of social inclusion, bullying, leadership, volunteering and early school leaving.

The activity was disseminated in our local *Gorjeanul Newspaper* and at a national level through Radio



"The Erasmus project to Romania was an experience I will bring with me in my heart forever. It was very educational; I learned a lot and I made so many new friends from all over the world." **Hannah Wadel, student**

"I wanted to go to Romania on the basis that I always wanted to see and learn new things, and I managed to accomplish all I had in mind for this trip. I really enjoyed myself in Romania. Many nice people and a nice city." **Fredrik Osvoll, student**

"I had a blast in Romania! It is a beautiful city and people are even more beautiful. I really hope to see them again one day! This trip meant a lot to me, I learned about culture and different lifestyles and how the other teens were raised in school". **Kristin Jakobsen, student**



"I am excited by the hospitality and friendliness that both students and staff showed us this week. The visit to the charity centre made a deep impact and I like the idea that students, during their school day, help children in need." **Caroline Fredriksen, Project Coordinator**

combined fun with work and the results were amazing. We became good friends after only a week together and we still keep in touch". **Tomescu Iulia, student.**

"The Erasmus+ ALIVE project has been an unforgettable experience from which I obtained a great amount of knowledge. The project began as a distant matter to me. However, as time went by, I got involved in the preparations, activities and principles of the project. When the foreign students arrived in Romania we immediately knew that we would create great friendships during the week. My classmates and I prepared a series of activities and events focused on not only showing our life and culture in Romania but also giving the foreign students the opportunity to showcase their lives and experiences in their home countries. From mornings spent in creative workshops to evenings of chatting and joking together, we all managed to take down cultural barriers and debunk stereotypes. As we were reaching our objectives, by creating posters and theatre plays against bullying and harassment, the departure day was approaching. Even though my foreign friends were in Romania for a short period of time the things we achieved and the amount of information we shared made us feel like we had known each other for a lifetime. With the help of our teachers and the use of the English language as a barrier breaker, we all brought awareness to the importance of education and unity. In my opinion, project Alive will live on as an example of cooperation, friendship and unity for the greater good of inclusion, education and prosperity." **David Ghioc Aristid, student**



România Actualități. In addition it was supported through partnerships with the Local Gorj County Education Inspectorate and The Local Library Ch.Tell.

Each activity day was presented in a film and posted on the project's Facebook profile, Cntv Alive Erasmus.

All the participants were welcomed in a traditional way with bread and salt and in traditional costumes. A school tour was organized, and participants wrote in the book of honor of the school museum. The partner schools presented their institutions and regions. Promotional materials of the project were handed out by the organizers to each participant.

Then the launch of the logo/mascot/slogan competition took place.

The mayor Marcel Romanescu made a presentation of Tg-Jiu's social problems and cultural characteristics. The Romanian students and teachers organized a guided tour around the city and made the guests participate in a quiz about Tg-Jiu. Ice breaking activities and a workshop on leadership were set up by local students.

The members of the national winning team for entrepreneurship presented the project Minicompania and the students from Tea Borgs Robotics team presented their work and competition experience.

Teachers had a working session in which they analyzed the questionnaires presented by the Romanian team and the future activities to be accomplished during the project.

Students participated in workshops to prepare theatre plays on bullying and posters.

The visiting students attended lessons in the classes involved in the project.

"Our stay in Târgu Jiu taught us a lot about friendship, even more about ourselves and a little bit about Romania. Thank you!" **Ove Aalo, teacher**



"We are three Turkish students who had never been abroad before. Romania's mobility was an unforgettable experience for us. The icebreaking activities and our attendance to classes were great. We felt the tradition and modernism in common. Our Romanian friends know a lot about their history and respect their ancestors. Both teachers and students were extremely helpful. We stayed in international rooms, so it was a nice experience for us. Thanks to all the Romanian Erasmus team!" **Buse, Sude and Muge, students**



"Romania is country of cultures and traditions. When we first arrived in Bucharest, there was snow everywhere and it was cold. But when we

"This was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I had the opportunity to travel for the first time and to be with students of other countries. I developed my English fluency and made a bunch of friends!"

Verónica Gonçalves, student.

Romania was an unforgettable experience. It was amazing to learn more about other countries and cultures. The fact that I was able to socialize with new people and communicate in different languages was incredible. This motivated me to learn more languages. Thank you so much for this opportunity!!" **Dominic, student**



"This mobility broadened students' knowledge about leadership and developed their speaking fluency in English. Moreover, they made new friends and experienced in many ways the Romanian culture and weather, since two of my students had never seen or played in the snow. It surely was an unforgettable experience for them." **Carol Marques, Portuguese Coordinator**



"We had very great moments during our stay in Romania. The students were welcoming and friendly. The activities with the cultural trips were well organized and planned. It gave us an important

Romanian and guest students participated in a charity Activity at the Day Centre Lasomia in Tg-Jiu, performing activities for the students with economic difficulties. At dinner the winning mascot/logo/slogan were announced.

A local leader, Mrs. Bratu Olimpia, manager of the Local Library Ch.Tell (type-TED conference) talked about her work.

Everything was integrated during normal school hours and students involved took part in ordinary classes as well as project work.

Our third meeting will take place at Liceo G. Cotta in Italy from 28th April to 4th May 2019.

We hope you enjoyed our second newsletter.

You will receive our next newsletter about our meeting in Italy soon, so stay connected!

Yours sincerely,
The Alive team

saw Teodora welcoming us with her great smile at the airport, we felt the warmth of a friendly welcome. I was very impressed with their education system and students' leadership skills. I would like to thank all the team for the hospitality!" **Meryem Canakay, The school headmistress**

"It was my second time in Romania, and I was so curious to see this authentic country again. Our project's name is ALIVE so we were also alive and excited to participate in the project's activities. Targu-Jiu was a little far from the capital, but the service was comfortable, and both the Romanian teachers and students welcomed us warmly. I was quite surprised by the students' language levels and their friendly approaches to the whole group. We felt like at home during all the mobility time. Thanks for everything!" **Firdevs Dokuyucu, Turkish Coordinator**



"My opinion about the travel is something that I can't explain, because I think it was more than a trip, it was a dream! Participating in Erasmus+ Project was the best experience of my life that I will not forget. I can only thank my teachers and everybody who belongs to this great project". **Pablo Sánchez Fernández, student**

"The experience of the Erasmus + Project was one of the best in my life. We learnt about different cultures, we met new friends from different countries and, most of all, we enjoyed ourselves."

opportunity to learn more about different cultures and we tried to adapt ourselves even when it seemed to be difficult. Before I left Italy, I was 'worried' but I immediately felt at home. So, I'm very grateful for being chosen to take part in this helpful project".

Federico Battisti, student

"In Romania we were warmly welcomed by fantastic guys. In a week, we experienced new cultures, improved our English and talked about important topics like bullying and leadership. It was a constructive and fun experience and I hope I will do many other similar ones." **Gloria Marini, student.**

"This experience was really helpful for me. It helped me have a different point of view and know new cultures, new traditions and new people. Everyone was very friendly, and I always felt part of the team. I really appreciated this opportunity." **Benedetta Marini, student**



"We had a wonderful stay in Targu Jiu. The School is fantastic, well organized with a lot of local history inside. We had a warm welcome and everybody was always ready to satisfy our needs. I would like to draw attention to the kindness of the Romanian students who always stood by the side of our students helping them to feel comfortable. I was particularly impressed by their excellent knowledge of the English language which made it easier to communicate with adults".

Crizia Calonego, teacher

"I had never taken part in an Erasmus+ project before,

Inés Gómez Matute, student

"I think that I learnt a lot during the trip to Romania, and I enjoyed the trip as well. We stayed in Bucarest for a day and I thought, at that moment, that it was the best and richest part of Romania. But when I visited Targu-Jiu, I saw that I was wrong, because the richest places are where the poorest and most genuine and warming people are.

About Targu-Jiu I would say that I loved it, the houses, the monuments and the people there, because they were kind and friendly. It was the best part of the trip. I met new people and my English improved. I enjoyed the trip so much and I hope we can see each other again in future mobilities". **Carmelo Santamaria Carretero, student**



"There were snow, tranquility and welcoming people. We had the chance to visit the town and its remarkable Brancusi monuments. We also enjoyed the anti-bullying activities and it was very useful for us to learn about the Romanian educational system and how they approach work. Attending classes was special for our students. They were amazed with the discipline and the students' good behaviour. The teachers had special meetings and worked together on the programme, which was also interesting. It was rewarding for all of us to share every single experience with colleagues from other countries. We concluded that this kind of projects are

therefore when I was asked to join this experience, I immediately accepted. Now I can say that I will never regret it, because it gave me the opportunity to get in touch with an educational institution that really cares about students, providing them with modern knowledge and competences which will enable them to be competitive in this globalized world. Last but not at least: : at school I teach English, so let me express my total admiration for the way English is taught at Colegiul National Tudor Vladimirescu". **Anna Verdolin, teacher**

incredibly helpful for our educational system."
The teachers



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