

For me this program was a really terrific thing, maybe one of the best of my life.

First I will tell you how this program improved my professional development.

We learned a lot of things to do in the nature. We experienced the activities. The theme of the project was “Discover the nature with all senses”. All the teachers of all countries prepared activities and made us live them. Then we listed the activities on a “Toolbox” like that we will have a trace of what we did and we can use it in our future job.

We saw why the nature is so important in children’s lives by doing like them. You will understand later why I can say this but it was really good to be in the nature, in the middle of nowhere.

Working in groups of 6 during all the program was also good because later we will have to work in collaboration with the other teachers of the school. It was a good beginning, a good practice.



For example, this activity was walking in the forest blind- folded with someone as a guide. It was interesting because we had to trust the other person and without the view we could listen more to the nature and really become aware of the landscape by touching and feeling it with our feet.

Now I want to talk about the intercultural perspective.

We learned a lot about all the other students. Each country presented their system of teaching. It was really rich to see how it works in the other countries. Like this if we go on Erasmus later or just go abroad to live we can have an idea of the way to work.

Each evening each country made a typical meal and a game to discover them. I think it was a really good idea, like that we learned more about the countries, their traditions, their cultures. I can say that I knew less than I thought about Europe!

The first day was a typical meal of each country presented as a buffet. We were all waiting to taste all the things but before each country explained what they had brought. Really interesting for the beginning, it was a first approach of the people and their countries.



It's the buffet with all the specialties, sweet or savoury.

Finally: what did the program bring me?

We lived outside for 2 weeks and all free time was spent outdoor to be closer of the nature and enjoy the surroundings because we did not have anything around us, just fields, forest and sheep. It was like we discovered the nature again.



Around the place where we lived.

I think I'm more self confident now because I had to show myself, present me, say my ideas, meet new people.

I met a lot of people that I didn't want to leave but now I have contacts in a lot of countries of Europe.

An important thing for me is also the way we enjoyed the life at the program: we didn't have anything around us so no matters of what we did and how we looked. In the town at the weekend we were singing and dancing and did not care about the other people's look.



We were all sitting outside and improvised a music on which we put a kid song and everybody was singing in his own language.

I really changed myself and my way of thinking about some things. For this thing I don't know why but I can really feel a change.

It was also good for the cooperation and to learn how to live together because we lived in big bedrooms at 24.

For me if this program has to be doing again I will sign with my 2 hands and my 2 feet! It's really better than the lessons and the school, it's like for the children: we learn more by game and by using our senses.



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