

An Unforgettable Experience

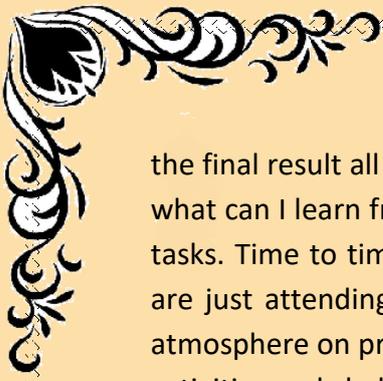
I am just sitting on bus station in Zadar, waiting my bus home. I am full of diverse emotions and that's what I will try to put on paper. I just spend an amazing week on Erasmus + training course in Zadar with so many inspiring people and special moments. So I decided to write this article in order to share the fortune I just gained.

The reason for writing this article is not to show around what I did or what I had or to reach hundreds likes. The reason is to share what possibilities we have and what can we get from it. Each project has a program based on specific topic and that's the main reason you are attending. But beside this, there are also other things you are learning and that's what I want to talk about.

It wasn't my first time attending in such a project, that's why I didn't expect so many emotions. I already was on 2 Youth exchanges in Greece and Poland and a training course in Austria and now here. Thanks to Erasmus I had been also studying in Spain for 5 months, but this is a different story. If you have experienced some of Erasmus possibilities or you have heard some stories from your friends, you maybe know what to imagine behind this concept. I would say, that there is some illusion that it's just temporal happiness before you come back to normal life. But for me it is not just temporal escape from daily life, it is something what forms your life in a way you maybe do not realize immediately, but it just somehow influences your future.

On projects, you are learning from each other. Everyone is different in his/her own way and that's why everyone can give you something else. We can't expect all people to be the same, because we have grown up somewhere else with different environment with different experiences and with different personality. In our normal daily life we are creating somehow environment which is every day the same or similar. We are meeting similar people like we are. We don't want to change it because that's what we are used to. I am not saying this is wrong (I personally think it's good), I am just saying that if you appear in one moment on a new place with different daily program with different people than you are used to, you can see that there are also other great people with great life stories and in one point you realize you just want to learn from these people. Soon or later you are becoming more open-minded and open to receive the energy coming from these people around you. And then once by eating lunch you find out how this girl went through all obstacles to reach her life dream. That she had worked on it day and night and you just can't leave untouched by this story. And this is just short example, there are many more!

During projects between the main program there are also exercises for team work so you have to solve a problem together. I personally take this task really hard for me because you are supposed to work with such a diverse people, who do not think the same, so coming to



the final result all together is always a challenge. I already learned to take it like it is and see, what can I learn from these situations. During the project you are not always solving difficult tasks. Time to time you just play some game where you don't have to think, compete, you are just attending and having so much fun together. And I think these activities form the atmosphere on projects the most. Because during those days you are going through so many activities and challenges together, you feel connected with others. Of course every project is different with different people and situations, so time to time you find a few people you are well with, sometimes it is really the whole group.

I am not saying everything is going well all the time. Going to project require going out of your comfort zone, to put excuses away, to maybe take vacation at work, to really pack your things, leave your home and go ahead to something unknown.

Projects are not the same like going to holiday with a group of your friends. Project gives you new experiences, new skills and new view to life. This all you gain by non-formal education which usually gives you more important lessons to your life than school. Plus it's combined with traveling and a lot of fun. So when someone asks me which project was the best, I cannot answer. Each project and people there will give you something else to your life, but for sure it gives you something. Something you will never forget.

