



NEWSLETTER

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Just a few words...

While sitting and working with our project, my thoughts go back in time. I realize that the time has flown away, where did this year go?! It's been a year since we waited nervously in excited expectations, would we get our project or would we not? And, suddenly we were a team, a wonderful team and now we are half-way through! I also think of the wonderful meetings we have had. The start-up meeting in Holland with both a TM and an LTT meeting, the skype meeting and, finally, the two LTT meetings, both in Italy and in Spain. What wonderful memories and experiences we have received, both students and teachers. I also think of what amazing collaborators we are in the project. Normally everyone works hard with their normal jobs and now we are also working hard with the project, amazing! I also think about the tasks we have worked with in waste management and what results we have achieved so far, here again, absolutely amazing!

We will carry all "the wonderful and amazing" with us into the second year. What will happen then? Yes! Waste management proceeds to entrepreneurship. And, now we will start working properly with entrepreneurial learning. We start in October with the TM meeting in Sweden, then the journey continues through the two LTT meetings

in Poland and Latvia to end at a TM and LTT meeting in Sweden. Hmm ... I am both looking forward and not looking forward to the last meeting. You see, there is a Swedish saying "To separate is to die a little". In contrast, we have a Latin saying that "A true friend is a rare bird". I think you all understand what I mean! Well, we have a whole year in front of us until then, so let us make the most of every moment!

Finally, summer has just started, let's enjoy our summer vacations and find new strength for the second year. Until then, thank you all, for such a well-functioning project and a successful job! A special thank you to all the students who have contributed and to you all teachers / coordinators who work so hard with our project!

See you in October!

Ingela

A humble coordinator of the Project

P.S By the time we are putting our newsletter together, the summer has passed and our second year is approaching fast. Now we are going to focus on entrepreneurial learning and start making our own student companies. Good luck in the second year! **The Latvian team**



Dear Italian friends,

Thank you so much for your hospitality! Meeting you and staying in Italia was an unforgettable experience.

Some memories from Joanna Wagner-Podlipni (coordinator, Poland)

Visiting Italy with Erasmus +

From 6 to 12 April our students who are engaged in Erasmus + project *For a better future for students of the next generation*, visited the sunny Italy. Together with Latvian friends they were given an opportunity to get to know Italian culture, tradition, architecture and to taste traditional Italian cuisine while staying with Italian host families. The students visited Milano, a magnificent city full of contrasts. Its architecture was interesting especially for the students of the technical school of construction. The architecture of the city is a mixture of styles. Among classical buildings you can encounter modern constructions which do not always match the surroundings. For landscape architects lush vegetation was the most appealing.



The students visited St Ambrose church, who is Milan's patron saint. Moreover, they visited the city walls Corpi Santi and one of the biggest church in the world Milan Cathedral Duomo di Milano. During a short walk on the rooftop of the Cathedral the students could admire a spectacular view through the innumerable marble spires and had an opportunity to take amazing photos. While in Poland winter came back again, the students could enjoy the sun during a visit to the Hermitage in Santa Caterina del Sasso. There were also archery classes and it was a great entertainment for students.

The main aim of the trip to Italy was not only developing intercultural competence but also gaining knowledge about waste management and improving language skills. One of the very important events of the visit was students' participation in project's activities at school which were preceded by a meeting with a Member of the European Parliament – Laura Comi.

The project activities were about recycling. Students from Poland, Italy and Latvia could improve both their language skills and the knowledge of waste management. Students continued the workshop while visiting Joint Research Centre where they could broaden their knowledge about food waste. "Thanks to the visit we will think twice before we throw away an uneaten apple", said participants.

During the mobility students presented the results of the questionnaires they had conveyed in their countries. The questionnaires prepared by the students focused on problems of managing municipal waste and were carried out among citizens and the authorities.

This will be an unforgettable visit owing to the sightseeing, learning about Easter traditions, workshops and a wonderful time spent with new friends and their families.

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Jan

I will remember my stay in Italy for a long time. I am impressed by the Italian hospitality. I was warmly welcomed by the host family and treated as their family member. The dishes which I tasted were delicious and nutritious but there was too little meat, which I love. I wasn't bored thanks to the time which I spent with the host family.

The participation in the project Erasmus+ has improved my English skills, increased my knowledge on waste segregation. I made new acquaintances, and I got to know the culture of the country that I really wanted to see.

Jakub

The trip to Italy has been an opportunity to develop many skills. Thanks to it I have improved my English. I met many new friends from Italy and Latvia. I also visited beautiful Italian cities like Milan and Varese. I visited the hermitage which offers breath-taking views of the lake. Generally speaking, this trip was almost perfect, not mentioning small organizational problems.

Jakub W.

Italy is a very beautiful country. I really enjoyed the climate and architecture of the sunny Italy. During the exchange I met great people from Italy and Latvia. Thanks to them I could improve my English. Daily evening meetings were great. The host family was very caring. I had everything I needed, and I met typical Italian culture.

This exchange was a very cool experience for me.

Marcin P.

I have a lot of memories from Italy but I will write only about a few things from this exchange.

At the beginning I am going to say something about the Italian food. Italian pizza is a little bit different from the Polish one. The Italian version is better. Pasta is really good. I ate only two kinds of it but it was really delicious. They eat dinner late, at about 8p.m whereas, in my home we eat at about 5 p.m so I was often a bit hungry...

Next thing is the Italian lifestyle. I think they are really calm and relaxed. They have time for everything that they want.

In the host family, I felt like in my own house. I had all that I needed. The parents were really caring and nice. I could talk with them about a lot of things. We also ate dinner together. We always prayed before dinner.

To sum up, this exchange was fantastic. I met new people, made a lot of friends, and did very interesting things. I'm really happy that I can be a member of a project like this.

Justyna

This exchange was an amazing experience for me. Italy was beautiful and the weather was incredible. I tasted the Italian food, saw a lot of interesting places, and met new people. We still keep in touch. The host family was very helpful and they took care of me. The students from Italy and Latvia were really nice. I will have splendid memories. I definitely recommend to participate in the exchange of the Erasmus + project.

Marcin M.

In Italy I saw things that we don't see in Poland such as beautiful views, and very nice cars. I tasted regional dishes and met very nice people. It was a chance to experience Italian lifestyle. For me it was the best week spent abroad. I have very good memories from this trip and the Erasmus + project gave me a chance to visit a foreign country and make new friends.

Mateusz G.

I think the exchange trip to Italy was very successful. I improved my language. The family I stayed with was very friendly and cheerful. We visited many interesting places and the weather was great. We had a great time in Italy.



Memories from the Latvian students

Agnija

In Italy we had to work on waste management. We prepared presentations about waste management in Latvia. We discussed problems, listened to presentations about food waste and our future. I had never been to Italy so I also learned something new about their culture and traditions. We had a great opportunity to participate in the Easter celebration.

Toms

It was a great opportunity to get to know new people and Italian life without any haste. Each day was filled with events and activities. But most of all I liked the Italian weather, which was like spring or summer.

Ieva

I love Italian landscape. It was more than beautiful there. The weather was sunny and warm. I really enjoyed my host family; it was nice to get to know Italian people and culture.

Dāvis

In this project I was able to learn how pupils in Italy are taught. I am glad that I had a chance to meet Italian people. In this Erasmus plus project I was able to find out more about how Italian kids are learning at school and it was a very interesting experience for me indeed. On this trip we were able to learn about Italian culture and Italian way of life. During my time in Italy, I learnt many new things about food waste.

I have returned home filled with new and positive emotions.



Spain...As the students wrote, visiting the place was fun, working together was fun, and meeting and making new friends was fun. Thank you for hosting and making our life fun for a whole week!

Rosario Lopez (Spain)

The Erasmus meeting in Malaga was awesome and the three countries, Spain, Sweden and Holland, enjoyed it a lot. We got along very well and made new friends despite our differences. The excursions were beautiful and thanks to them we were able to show our city, but the worst of the meeting was the farewell because we had made very good friends. Without doubt it was a unique and unforgettable experience!

Francisco Gaviero (coordinator, Spain)

It was a pleasure to organize the Erasmus meeting in Malaga together with my colleagues Jesús, Elena and Inma. I'd like to thank the wonderful people who made this possible: our students for their enthusiasm and work, our host families for their effort, support and understanding, and our beloved Swedish and Dutch teachers and students for their kindness and team work! The week we have spent together was a life experience which we really enjoyed, from which we learned a lot and which we will never forget. Presentations, a recycled art workshop, meetings, an Andalusian street, friendship, a joke, a moment. These will be our memories for a very good reason, because in them we will see the people we were with.

My experience in Malaga, Spain

My name is Veerle de Koning and I'm from the Netherlands. In this paper, I'll tell you about my experiences.

First of all, about the flight. It was really early when we left. The plane was small but me and the 2 other Dutch girls had the same row. And together with our 2 teachers and the other 4 students, we took off.

When we landed in Malaga, we were all really excited. I felt great mainly because I already knew my exchange partner. When I saw her I was happy. I greeted her and her mom and the other

Spanish girls I already knew. We left the airport quickly and I didn't have the time to look at the other students who were around. We went home and ate and took a shower to fresh-up. Lucía told me we were going to meet up with the Dutch and Spanish students at a cafe. The Swedish and their Spanish exchange partners weren't there yet.

We went to the cafe and I met the exchange partners of the 7 other Dutch students, (I already knew 2 other Spanish girls). The cafe was cute and the smoothie was nice. The people looked and were nice too. After the cafe, we went outside and sat on a bench. Other people arrived, the first thing I thought was - who are they. I had no idea that those were the other Spanish and Swedish students at that moment. I was surprised when someone told me. I felt a bit dumb. Then we went to a local restaurant to eat, all together. It was a fun first day in Malaga.

The next morning, we went to the school, and had introductions of the schools. I already had seen most but it was quite fun to see how the students had put everything together. Then we went to Caminto del Ray. It was truly wonderful. The views were amazing, and we saw a lot of beautiful places. We got a lot of information from the guide and we took a lot of pictures.

The next morning we went to a garbage disposal; it was a bit on the boring side, because we couldn't hear the voice of the video that was playing on the bus very well. Luckily, we could stay on the bus and didn't have to smell the horrible smell that came from the garbage disposal. In the afternoon, we went to Malaga center. I really enjoyed it. The weather was amazing and the city is gorgeous. In the evening we went out to eat again with most of the students.

The next day we got up early to leave for Granada. Everything was so great. Even the bus was nice. We talked and sang and had a lot of fun. The 2 hours were like a bonding experience. In Granada, it was so much fun, it was great to see and experience the city. The palace was great.

On Friday, we had a lovely morning, ate paella at the school with all the students involved and all

the parents (who could come). By this time our group of students had got close. We had made some good friends over only the course of a few days. But the week was not over yet. In the afternoon, we all went to the beach, all the students together. It was so much fun and the beach was amazing, the water was a bit cold but because of the temperature outside we could manage it. Oh yeah, the weather was not just great it was amazing throughout the whole week. After an evening eating together again, we went home. Tomorrow was going to be the last day and we were most surely going to spend it on the beach. So, we went to the beach and had so much fun together. When me and Lucía went back with some other students, we missed the bus and decided to go get some coffee or something at Dunking's Coffee and we missed the bus again. It was super funny but while going to the coffee place I saw the boulevard and thought it to be beautiful and decided I wanted to come here again for sure! And explore some more places in Malaga. After we finally got home we went to get ready for the last night, which consisted of a party. The party was super nice and we got to dance a lot but then we had to stop. Because there were complaints about the music so we kind of had to turn it down. Nevertheless, it was an amazing experience; it's hard to describe it in words.

The parting of the group was over and a lot of the students cried, I didn't because I don't cry for that sort of thing. If it was up to me, I would have spent another week together. Let's hope it is not over for good and I want to see everyone again someday! I'm sure it will work out!



...Here are some thoughts from the Swedish students...

Our overwhelming and best memories from Spain are:

- When we visited the cities and Alhambra.
- The beautiful beach.
- The beautiful buildings.
- Everything educational about another society. Because Spain and Sweden are slightly different in the terms of environment and society.
- All late evenings when we had food.
- Last but not least, the best memories are all the wonderful people we got to know!

Bella, Elin, Adela, Adam, Saga-Lie and Jennie.

As our project focuses not only on **Waste management** but also on **Entrepreneurial learning**, during our first meeting in the Netherlands, a **questionnaire** was carried out about what **EL** is about and our **expectations** about the project results. There were no right or wrong answers. However, the questionnaire will be followed up during the project to see if there are any changes in perspectives on EL.

What do you think Entrepreneurial Learning is about?

Answers from students:

EL is related to business and starting up a business - About business - About starting a business by your own. - I believe that he is a person who has his own ideas and wants to set up a company. - I think it is about many things connected with business, for example what we should do when we want to open up our own business or where we need to go when we have to pay taxes. - I think it's about Entrepreneurship, starting a company - I think it's about how to create a business and how to improve your ideas to make a product - In my opinion it's about how to realize your own business ideas and learn how to produce it. It is also about learning how to calculate all the expenses and earnings. In general Entrepreneurial Learning is about leading the company - It is learning about making individual business. - Learning how to set up a business and make it successful - I think that it is something related to the companies and I think that it is useful for us - Something related to how to manage a company - Trade options for students - You have to learn the basic of business. You have to build your own student company.

EL is a mind-set or a different way of learning - I think it is a process of creative, innovative actions, the ability to use ideas. We have to be active, dynamic and willing to take a risk in order to take part in entrepreneurship actions. - I think that it is a different way of learning - It's about how to be an enterprising person and other qualities you need to have your own business. - Learn how to be an entrepreneur. - Learn something about society and management - Learning and acting in innovative ways and also about creating opportunities.

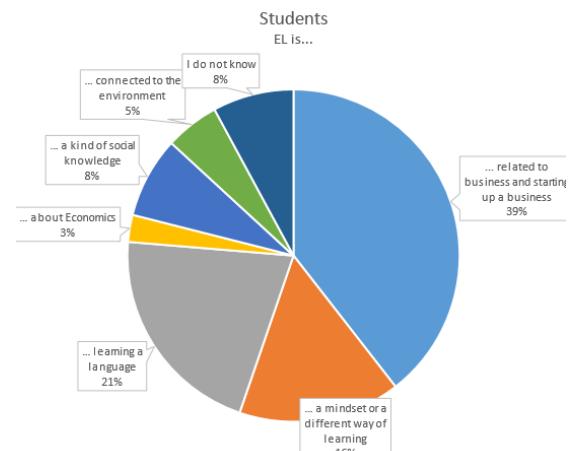
EL is learning a language - I think "Entrepreneurial Learning" is about the language and speaking of English. - I think "Entrepreneurial Learning" is about the language of English. - I think it is about learning in more than one language - I think it could be a project for European students to learn English - I think it is about meeting foreign people to learn English and new things - I think it's a web which can help people to learn English. - Learning and having education in foreign countries - Learning something in a different language

EL is about Economics - I think it is learning about finances.

EL is a kind of social knowledge - I think it might be about how students could establish relations with other countries for cultural or enterprise related things - I think that it is a kind of knowledge that we must learn to be able to go out of our country and try to study or find a job in another one - I think that it is about how we can improve our future

EL is connected to the environment - I think that is about how you can be an entrepreneur and have ideas to help the environment against pollution, for recycling and better future - recycling and better future

I do not know! (3 students)

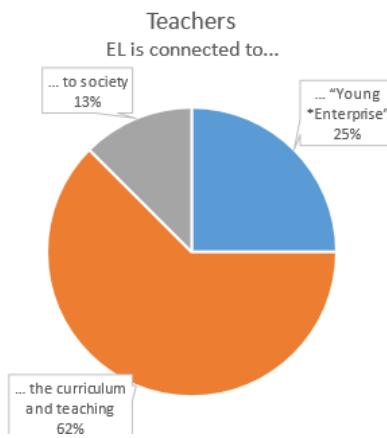


Answers from teachers:

EL is connected to “Young *Enterprise” - It is setting your mind on how to become a person who can create, produce and sell products, thus making profit for the good of oneself as well as society. - I think it is about studying Economics and Entrepreneurship, and creating students’ own companies. How to create, promote, how to write business plans, how to solve accountancy and finance questions, how to be successful in this field, how to become a young leader.

EL is connected to the curriculum and teaching - The promotion and creation of entrepreneurial skills - A big chance for our students! They can learn useful skills that they will use during their career - EL has to do with the development of certain skills from students to more independent learning. In Holland one of the things in EL has also to do with starting an own business. - It is about promoting students to think outside the box, promotes creativity and skill development - To encourage and stimulate students’ creativity, curiosity and self-confidence.

EL is connected to society - Entrepreneurial Learning is necessary in the modern world.



What do you think you will have learnt when the project is finished in 2018?

Answers from students:

I will have learnt about doing business/entrepreneurship - Lots of new stuff about business - By the end of the project I will have learnt how to open up my own business. What's more, I will have learnt how to employ workers and I will work in a group better. - I think I will know how to set up my own firm and how to control it. - I will have learnt how I can be an entrepreneur and I hope that I will have learnt so much of English - How to set up a business and make it successful. - I will be aware of how to build my own student company.

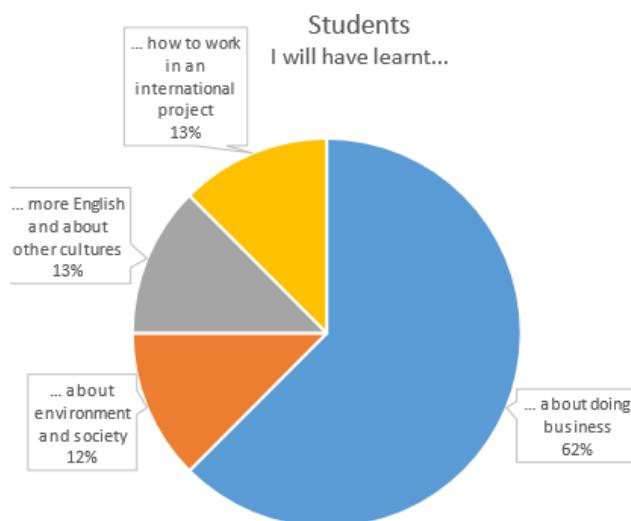
I will have learnt about environment and society - We will have learnt about waste management and that we can make together less waste - I will know what are the effects of pollution on the planet and also I will know what I can do form a better world. - I will know all the effects of TVE pollution. Also I will know what to do for a better world. - How life is in other countries and some information about the environment. - I don't really know, but I think it will be an awesome experience in which I will be able to learn about other people's style of life, or see the incredible places of Latvia - Mostly everything about making the environment a better place. - Some new life and school advice and something more about foreign cultures and their environment.

I will have learnt more English and about other cultures - I think that if I stay in a house with people who I don't know and they speak a different language from mine, I will improve my English - Really Much stuff, I think my English will go like wow! - When the project is finished I think that I will have improved my English, I will have learnt about what it's like to live in another country for a few days and I will have learnt to work in a team - I think I will have learnt a lot of English, but also experience, learn to make friends, culture of other countries, speak fluently... - I think I will improve my English and I will be better in this language. - I hope I'll learn to speak English more fluently and communicate better with other students. Also I think I'll learn about other countries - I reckon that I will have improved my English and I will have made a lot of new friends - I think that I will learn a lot more vocabulary and grammar in English but also I will learn about the culture and traditions in other countries. - I think I will have learnt a lot of things. I will meet many students like me, I will improve my English and I will learn a lot of things about the environment. - I think that I will have a better level of English and that i will learn how a company works.

I will have learnt about how to work in an international project - How to work international - I think I will have learnt how to express my opinion, thoughts and base them on facts and experience. I hope that my skills of working in a group will improve - how to work together with students from other countries - I will learn many things about different countries

I will have learnt about almost all the objectives in the project! - Learn more about waste, to start your own business, more connection with other people in Europe and to speak better English. - I will have learned more about pollution on our planet and how to help make it smaller. I will also have learned to be an enterprising person. - What entrepreneurial learning is and more things like improving my English and knowing cultural things - When the Project will have finished in 2 years' time, I will have learnt some useful information needed for my life. One of them is the ability to create my own company. The second one is that I will have become more open with other people, especially foreigners. The third thing is I will have more contacts in foreign countries. It will give me the ability to work abroad. - Communication with other entrepreneurial learners and a lot more about economics - Creative thinking and confidence. - How to better manage resources around us. And how to make business from waste

I do not know! What is entrepreneurial learning?



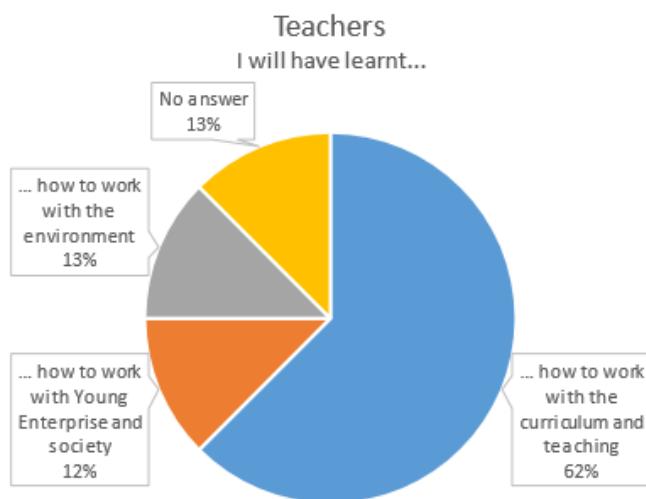
Answers from teachers:

I will have learnt how to work with EL, the curriculum and teaching - How to promote entrepreneurial skills within the curriculum of a science course - How to use knowledge that I will get in this project in my school subject, how to help to the teachers of my school and my department. - I hope I have learnt more about EL and I hope to have used it more in daily teaching. - I will have learnt new methods for my teaching, new ideas for work with students and other teachers. - Different ways to encourage students.

I will have learnt how to work with Young Enterprise and society - We will have learnt how to start a student company, how people from different nations work, how to understand each other and cooperate

I will have learnt how to work with the environment - I hope that students will be aware of Eco friendly living and the environment around them. Young people will be more involved in protecting our environment so that our actions have impact on our planet.

One with no answer given



If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes – then learn how to do it later.

(Richard Branson)

Memories...



... to be continued...

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