

My Erasmus Experience

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Before I begin my speech, I would like to thank everyone that helped take this project to its expectations and beyond. I can only imagine the effort all those people made to turn this project into the wonderful experience we had. It has been an honour to be part of it.

Hello, my name is Purică Mihai-David, I represent “Ion Borcea” Theoretical High School from Buhuși and I am here today, in front of you, because I feel it is my duty to share how this project chiselled my personality and sharpened my wisdom.

First of all, this project was a journey into self exploration and self discovery that made me decide what I really want to do with my future career. I connected with a lot of great people that showed me good and evil, love and hatred, happiness and sadness. The weird thing is that not all of them were people I didn't know. This trip offered me the chance to get to know better who I'm standing next to and who my closest friends are.

The things our professor, Mr. Lazaros, taught us in while Cyprus were mostly new, but I discovered my passion for graphic design and web development through his courses. I actually want to talk a bit about Mr. Lazaros. He is one of the wisest men in IT that I ever met. You can tell that he loves to teach and he does a very good job in doing so. He uses his good and bad experiences to help us choose the best career for us.

While in Paphos, I had the occasion to visit things that I most likely wouldn't have visited by myself and the best thing about it is that I was able to do it with friends. While we're at it, I want to say that I absolutely fell in love with Cyprus. It is a wonderful country, full with loving people and a beautiful culture. If anyone wants to join us, we will do a reunion in Paphos in about 10-20 years, just to remember the summer of '21.

I collected a lot of memories, all of them good and I go back to them once in a while with pleasure. The photos, videos and songs give me a nostalgic vibe I get regularly, and I do not wish for it to go away any time soon.

To show you how excited I was to be part of the Erasmus line-up for my High School, my countdown started back in December 2020, with 171 days

remaining, my luggage had been ready three days before we left and, of course, I hadn't slept at all the night before.

All in all, I can definitely say that it has been the best school-related project in my life, hands down. The whole project was extremely fun and I would repeat the experience, without hesitation, if someone asked me to.