

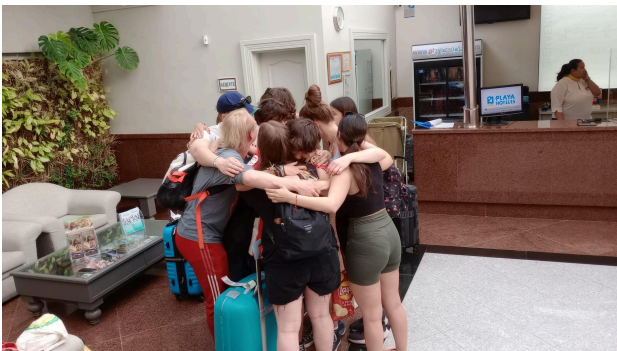
## ERASMUS – A unique chance to see the world

STEPS Towards Ecological Planet is a project that helps students learn about other cultures better and gives an opportunity to make a difference about environmental problems. Also students can meet with other students from different cultures. So in addition to “saving the world” aspect, the instant benefits of these kinds of projects are also huge; the students will grow their understanding of other cultures and strengthen their social skills. In this article, a few students will share their experiences with Erasmus projects and tell examples of what they have learned about battling the climate change or about the world in general.



### SPAIN

In Spain we focused on the carbon footprint, greenhouse gasses and natural reserves. In Almeria there is fresh production of different kinds of goods throughout the year. From my point of view, what I enjoyed the most was a talk we had about solar panels. It was interesting and I think almost everyone learned something from that talk.



### TÜRKIYE

Turkey is a high populated country with a rich history, interesting culture and stunning landscapes which made the Erasmus experience unique for the students. Exploring the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque was really special for us. And the Turkish cuisine with a lot of delicious food such as kebab, döner, iskender, lahmacun and baklava makes it even more exciting. Also the best part was definitely the party we had on the Bosphorus. After admiring the beauty of Istanbul, we researched and learned about the climate change. We had a summit which helped us understand the topic better. This way we had fun and learned a lot.



## CROATIA

In March 2024 we were in Croatia where we firstly presented our schools and the ways they promote sustainability. We also learned how to recycle water, how to plant trees in Vukomerić and how to make fabric from plastic. While we were getting to know Zagreb we made many new friends and experienced the new culture through their food.



## FINLAND

While writing this article, we are all together in Finland eagerly waiting for the upcoming sauna evening and other chances to get to know Finnish culture. So far we have baked

some traditional Finnish snacks, learned about the recycling system and explored the beautiful nature.

We are sure that these experiences and lessons learned about life will prove themselves more than useful in our lives in this global world. We want to say thank you for all those people who have made these projects possible, and we hope that Erasmus will continue to serve its beautiful purpose.

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