

## Erasmus connecting people (like Nokia)

Everyone can agree that friendships take one of the most important parts in one's life. This project has given us a great opportunity to learn about new traditions, meet new people and get to know their cultures. Because we are staying in another family, we really must interact with each other. We believe that some friendships we make will be lifelong.

Another important subject was climate change. Rising temperatures are causing rising sea levels, floods, earthquakes, animal migrations, etc. We learned how to take part in climate change resistance and mostly spread awareness about these issues. In Spain we learned how dangerous plastic is, in Croatia we talked about saving energy. Finnish students showed us how to properly recycle and in Turkey we learned how to save water. We strongly believe that by combining these principles, we can make positive steps for the world and slow climate change.

This project also shows us how different we are from each other. For example, in Finland being late is considered rude, while in Spain, Turkey and Croatia it is not a problem. Seeing different cities is mind blowing, in Istanbul the buildings are so close to each other, and people live in apartments. But in Pieksämäki people have their detached house and have a backyard, also there is much more forest.

To conclude, this project provided us with new connections, new skills, new memories, knowledge about different cultures and also raised our awareness. Overall, we all are glad that we got to be part of this amazing project and we encourage everyone to take part!



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