

# ENTREPRENEURIAL AND SKILFUL YOUTH EASY

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

## PROGRAMME

### SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

- meeting at the airport
- leaving for Vidigueira
- welcome dinner with families

### MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> May

- welcome to Escola Profissional Fialho de Almeida
- official meeting at Vidigueira Municipality
- Presentations and discussions on the topic *Entrepreneurial Skills*
- visiting Adega Cooperativa de Vidigueira e Alvito, C.R.L.
- sightseeing - Casa do Arco, Vila de Frades, Roman Ruins od Sao Cucufate

### TUESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> May

- visiting hydroelectric power plant and water supply company
- visiting the marina in Amieira
- visiting Évora and Monsaraz

### WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> May

- sightseeing Lisbon (Mosteiro dos Jerónimos/Torre de Belém/Padrao dos Descobrimentos)
- visiting Oceanário

### THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> May

- visiting Azeite Oliveira da Serra Complex (olive oil producing company)
- visiting Municipal Museum in Beja
- visiting Mértola

### FRIDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> May

- Questionnaires
- Feedback and Summary of Activities
- Sightseeing Alentejo coastline
- Farewell Dinner

### SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> May

- Certificates of Attendance
- departure





## About mobility in Vidigueira

This time it was the host country Portugal, on 3 - 9 of May, 2015 it welcomed all the other project partners from the Czech Republic, Turkey, Italy, Bulgaria and Latvia. Each team was made up of five students and their teacher. We arrived to the small town of Vidigueira, situated about 200 km south of Lisbon. The Portuguese team welcomed us with their well-known hospitality.

During the entire stay in Vidigueira we haven't met any scowling Portuguese.

They were all smiling and happy and brought it all to the other teachers and students. We spent the whole week comfortably and happily. Meeting in Portugal was focused on Entrepreneurial Skills. Each team prepared a presentation on this topic and even bathed in the newly renovated library in Vidigueira.

they introduced it to the other participants of the meeting. It was followed by a discussion on this topic. We visited the Museum in Vidigueira in which we saw the old technique, which was used by the grandmothers and great-grandmothers; we visited the churches, which were very typical for Portugal.

We also had the opportunity to become familiar with the operation of the hydroelectric power plants and other companies, such as a factory for the production of olive oil and Portuguese wines.

The Portuguese team also prepared for us a tour to Evora, Monsaraz and Mertola where most of the students were running out of words from the surrounding beauty. When visiting Portugal it would be a great and their teacher. We arrived to the small town of Vidigueira, situated about 200 km south of Lisbon. The Portuguese team welcomed us with their well-known hospitality. During the entire stay in Vidigueira we haven't met any scowling Portuguese. We visited one of the most beautiful temples in the whole of Europe, passed through the center of the city, and at

In the evening prior to our departure we had the final dinner in a typical Portuguese restaurant, where the performance of national Portuguese songs were prepared for us. On Saturday May the 9th we received the certificates from the Director of the host country, packed our luggage and went to Lisbon, where everyone was waiting for the plane and went home.

In this newsletter you can read about the experiences about the project from the students from each of the partner countries and their views on the project.

## The companies we have visited

### Adega Cooperativa de Vidigueira, Cuba e Alvito, C.R.L.

The Cooperative Winery of Vidigueira, Cuba and Alvito, founded in 1960, started its activity in 1963. It is the result of the dream and hard work of most of the wine producers from Vidigueira, Cuba and Alvito, based on tradition and reinvention, sustained by knowledge and remembered quality. Between the grapes of the winery are some of the best grape varieties of the region, kept through generations, with great emphasis on Antão Vaz, also known as «Vidigueira's grape variety», producer of a unique white wine which is likely the origin of the well known white wine of Alentejo.

### EDP - Centro de Produção Tejo - Mondego - Alqueva Dam

EDP is a leading company in the energy sector and they include in their culture values and commitments regarding their customers, society and the environment. Their mission is to become an integrated energy company, a leader in the markets where they can make a difference and this mission is shared by the universe of EDP employees, spread across different continents and countries, a diversity that enriches them and brings them together in the respect for the different cultures of the markets where they operate. They are a global energy company, a leader in value creation, innovation and sustainability. They try hard to win their shareholders, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders' trust, they are proud of the excellence they have achieved in the way they do things and the initiative displayed in their staff's behaviour and attitudes. They try to innovate in order to create value in the different areas in which they operate and they have great concern about sustainability, striving to improve the quality of life of present and future generations.

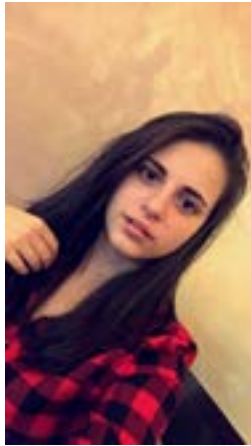
### EDIA - Empresa de Desenvolvimento e Infraestruturas do Alqueva, S.A

EDIA contributes to the development not only of the region but also of the country. It is a strategic reference as manager of the Alqueva Multi-purpose Undertaking and a relevant instrument for boosting the economy. Until the gates of the Alqueva were closed and its reservoir was filled, EDIA was responsible for building the infrastructures. Aware of its role in the region it was oriented towards business in order to associate centres of development with the Alqueva Project. Today, EDIA is recognised in Portugal and abroad as a solid, strategic company that is vital to the project and ensures the profitability of its agricultural component in order to promote the region as an area of reference for new investments and setting up bridges between investors and local entrepreneurs with a view to partnerships in different business areas. It is also directly responsible for designing, building and operating the Alqueva Multi-purpose Undertaking infrastructures. EDIA currently has 189 employees in its work team and they have degrees in areas suited to their jobs. Most of EDIA's employees are from the region and are divided among the company's areas, e.g. engineering, economics, management, law, biology, environment and archaeology. EDIA is divided into support units and departments in charge of the different areas.

### Azeite Oliveira da Serra Complex

The olive oil producing company, Oliveira da Serra, is located in Ferreira do Alentejo next to Marmelo Farm. Its modern unique infrastructure was designed by the Portuguese architect Ricardo Bak Gordon. This olive oil production uses the latest high technology to produce high quality extra virgin olive oil and it has a great concern regarding environmental sustainability. This producing facility was one of the biggest investments in the Portuguese agricultural economy within the last 20 years. It has created more than 600 jobs, directly and indirectly, and it has also helped many local small producers to develop their activities. Oliveira da Serra is a brand that is part of the SOVENA Group. It is a family business with 100% Portuguese investment.

# Ralica's experience



**Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?**

Like I already mentioned it gave me, personally, many useful ideas and tips which I am going to keep in mind because they were said by people who with very hard work managed to create something unique.

**What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?**

I couldn't complain from the accommodation even if I wanted to. The family was very friendly and wanted me to get the full experience of Portugal for which I am very thankful.

**What are your impressions and experiences from the project?**

I had a great time not only in the project activities but also from the family life. I made many great friends and managed to more or less get to know other countries' traditions.

**Ralica Nancheva, Bulgaria**

**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

I signed up for the project mainly because I had the opportunity to communicate with people from other countries as well as observe a whole different culture not only from the point of a tourist but see how Portuguese families live and I kind of put myself in the shoes of a Portuguese girl from Vidigueira for a week.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

Meeting people from other nationalities improved our communications skills and visiting companies gave us the opportunity to hear how some people succeeded in life. It also gave us business ideas and motivation.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

Both the companies we visited and the landmarks we saw were of extreme interest to me. It was an educational project full of amazing moments and experiences.



**Visiting Lisbon**



**Meeting at Vidigueira Municipality**



**Visiting EDIA - water supply company**



# Andrei's experience



## What experience have you got from the activities within the project?

From the activities within the project I got a new sense of viewing things in the working process.

## Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?

Yes, I think that it will help me in the future because maybe I will deal with events like the ones I saw during my Portuguese experience.

## What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?

It has been a new thing for me, again, and I think it is not so bad to live in the house of a foreign guy, I didn't have any problems at all with Joao.

## What are your impressions and experiences from the project?

I think it is a great project with some very nice ideas and that everyone who can participate in it must try to do their best because it's a terrific opportunity.

Andrei Bogdan Alexa, Italy

## Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?

I signed up for the project because it was an interesting project and a new experience for me and I wanted to try doing new things. I visited Vidigueira, Portugal.

## Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?

I think that they didn't focus just on business but they are trying to help young people, the students, to understand better what they could do in the next years and I think that students are interested in it because it is about their future.

## What skills do you gained from the project?

During our visits I watched the managers and how they behaved to their employees very carefully and I understand that the basic thing is that there must be a very good relationship between workers and entrepreneurs. You must be a person with very strong skills: you must be intelligent and know how to talk. Every little thing must be perfect if you want to be on top.



Italian group during visiting a Oceário in Lisbon

Snack for ERASMUS+ family



Italian group

# Nikol's experience



**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

My aim to signed up the project was to know a foreign country and new friends, food and culture. I went to Portugal which I liked from my very first day.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

I think business was good topic because students nowadays would like to do business, so I think that this topic is interesting. Personally, I think the topic Enterprise was a good idea.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

I improve my English and I learned a few words in Portuguese.

**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

Within the project we visited many sites and companies. We learned, for example, how to make wine, how to make oil and I can say it was very interesting.

**Do you think that that experience gained from the project will help in the future or in your future profession?**

I think so. In Portugal I was able to get acquainted with strangers, I could talk to them all. This might help me because communication with people is very important in any profession.

**What experience with the foreign student accommodation or living at a foreign student house do you have?**

When I lived at Portugal it was great. In the beginning I was staying in alone in my room and the next day we became so good friends that I lived with my new friend in her room. She took care of me nicely, every day we went to dinner, and every day I had a snack. When she visited us I was trying to take care of her so well as she did for me, to have such a good sense of living as I had.

**What are your impressions and experiences from the project?**

This project was the best thing that ever happened to me. I met new friends with whom I am communicating now. I am looking forward to visit Portugal again. Those who squandered this opportunity made a big mistake, because such chance in life should not be missed ever.

**Nikol Podešvová, Czech Republic**



**HEELLOO from Monsaraz :-)**

**Czech students in Oceário in Lisbon**



**Happy Czech students**



## Laura's experience



**What experience have you got from the activities within the project?**

My guest family was very nice and welcoming. I enjoyed the time with them and could learn how the family values and habits in Portugal.

**Laura Ane, Latvia**

**Why have you signed up for the project and what are you waiting from it? Which country did you visit in the framework of the project?**

I decided to join the project because Portugal has always been my dream destination, so it all started due to some personal reasons. I could go to Portugal and at the end it was not only beautiful but also very useful and educational.

**Do you think that the topic of the project focused on business is the actual theme? And are the young people (students) interested in?**

We could learn how business works in Portugal and I found out some important differences to Latvia. Thus, the topic of this Erasmus+ project is very relevant for teenagers because they have to plan their own future.

**What skills do you gained from the project?**

I have gained some skills in rural entrepreneurship and the melioration and other rural business aspects. It was exciting to see how different the nature and the people are from people in Latvia and how warm it is in Portugal.



**Portuguese and Latvia students**

**Visiting Mértola**



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## Some moments during mobility in Portugal





We would like to THANK all who participated in the great organization and for the host country program, Portugal, and we look forward to a visit to the other partner country, which is Italy.