

# ENTREPRENEURIAL AND SKILFUL YOUTH EASY

## KARVINÁ, CZECH REPUBLIC

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LEARNING/TEACHING/TRAINING ACTIVITY

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# ICT and COMMUNICATION

## PROGRAMME

### SUNDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> November

- transfer from Prague airport to Ostrava
- meeting at the train station - Ostrava
- welcome dinner with families

### MONDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> November

- welcome speech by Headmistress
- presentations and discussions on the topic *ICT and Communication*
- debate on issue: *Will new technology ever improve education?*
- teachers' welcoming in the Karvina Municipality
- tour of the city Karvina
- workshop: Decorating Christmas cookies

### TUESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> December

- visit to the company: Vítkovice Cylinders, Ltd.
- visit to the company: Pivovary Staropramen, Ltd. - Ostrava
- Science and Technology Centre in Ostrava

### WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- visit to the company: MARLENKA international, Ltd.
- visit to the museum - Nature and people in our region
- trip to Olomouc - sightseeing

### THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- visit to the Technical University of Ostrava „One of the most powerful supercomputer in the world”
- history museum of mining in our region
- Farewell Dinner

### FRIDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> December

- Questionnaires
- Feedback and Summary of Activities
- activities in the school gym

### SATURDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> December

- Certificates of Attendance
- departure



## About mobility in Karviná

At the turn of November and December all the partner countries – Bulgaria, Turkey, Portugal, Italy and Latvia, went to the Czech Republic. On November 29th – December 5th, 2015 the penultimate mobility within Erasmus + project was held at the host school in Karviná, a town which lies 400 km east of Prague. All participants had arrived by train in the third largest city of the CZECH REPUBLIC, Ostrava, where the host families had been waiting for them. On the first day of the program, all gathered in Karviná library, where were welcomed by the Director of the school and the individual countries had started to present their prepared tasks on ICT theme and Communication. Unfortunately, due to some technical problems we were forced to move to the school, where the presentation of the tasks continued smoothly.

After the presentations individual countries were given issues related to the main topic of the discussion „Will new technology improve education?“ and the students discussed the topic mutually. After lunch in school, everyone moved to the center of the city, where teachers were welcomed by the main representatives at the City Hall and our pupils carried out along the center their guests.

Then we all moved into the main church on the square, which, thanks to the mining effects fell by up to 20 meters, and now it is a leaning church. The first day we completed by the workshop, that was targeted on Christmas and on decorating Christmas cookies. The teachers and the pupils had created beautiful cookies that were given to them to the farewell dinner.

In the frame of the program, the participants visited the company Vítkovice Cylinders, Ltd. engaged in the production of seamless steel, Staropramen Brewery, Ltd. – Czech brewery And the last one was Marlenka international, Ltd. - a company producing honey cakes.

Within the program, the participants visited an interesting museum, where the host school is situated, the History museum of mining, Museum of Nature and people of our region, the Science and Technology Centre in Ostrava.

Everyone enjoyed visiting the city of Olomouc, where the monuments registered in UNESCO, are located, and also the Christmas markets. On Friday a traditional feedback and the summary of activities were held, and on Saturday, December the 5th all of the participants received their certificates and went to the capital city of the CZECH REPUBLIC and flew to their homes.

## The companies we have visited

### **VÍTKOVICE CYLINDERS Ltd.**

VÍTKOVICE CYLINDERS it is one of the world's largest producers of seamless steel cylinders, a major producer of pressure vessels, high-pressure accumulators and grinding balls. The company is an important member of VÍTKOVICE MACHINERY GROUP. Vítkovice Machinery Group is the well known engineering company. It includes around thirty companies and has a modern, extensive and unique production base and know-how which is based on research and development. In December 2013 Vítkovice brand celebrated its 185 birthday. Vítkovice is currently a European leader in the production of steel cylinders with high-tech production line, it has almost one fifth of the global market for special shafts for large naval vessels. The aim of Vítkovice Machinery Group is to become a global leader in cutting-edge engineering technologies and its aim is to develop its activities by qualified personnel in accordance with the interests of its shareholders with respect to environmental protection.

### **Staropramen Brewery, Ltd. - OSTRAVA**

In 1896, the idea matured in the Czech business circles in Ostrava to establish their own brewery. The first meeting of the shareholders

of the newly founded Czech joint-stock brewery in Ostrava was held on October 24, 1897. The first beer in the new brewery exposed in 1899. At the beginning of the 20th century experienced brewery, as well as the entire economy of the country, had a successful period. But then came the war and the crisis. After this difficult period, the brewery Ostrava in several phases renovated and modernized to become one of the main suppliers of beer in the Region. Today, it is one of the ten largest breweries in the Czech Republic.

### **MARLENKA Ltd.**

In 2003, the Armenian Gevorg Avetisjan founded with his sister the Czech company in Frýdek – Místek which produces honey cakes MARLENKA based on an old Armenian family recipe. At the time of its inception, the company had one employee, but year after year it has dynamically grown. The number of employees after the launch of the second production hall is 85 and the annual production is 25 000 cakes. At the end of 2008 the number of employees increased to 186, the production runs in continuous process to meet the demand and the annual production reaches 1 250 000 cakes. To increase the level of hygiene standards and to meet a growing customer's demand, it was decided to invest in a modern operation plant.



## Gabriella'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?**

Travelling is one of the things I've always loved. Given the opportunity to do that combined with learning about brilliant entrepreneurs who managed to succeed in business starting from a scratch from inside people, I could not resist but sign up for the Czech Republic group.

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

Communicating with people only in English for a week has definitely improved my language speaking skills as well as my social ones.

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

Hearing the stories of these ambitious entrepreneurs and the struggles they went through to build these prospering companies has really left an imprint on me and made me seriously think about the future ahead of me. As well as meeting all these interesting people and visiting all these fascinating places has only enhanced my desire to be a part of such projects.

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

In my opinion, projects like ERASMUS always have useful experience to offer. Most of all we learned that in order to achieve

success, you never have to give up. Another skill useful not only in business but in everyday life as well is our ability to communicate.

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

Even though the main topic is about entrepreneurial success we learned a lot more than how prosperous businesses were created. We got acquainted with a different culture and made new friendships with various people. I think this is mainly what attracts participants.

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

Living with a foreign student or with another person can be a lot of fun but it can also be a bit difficult sometimes. You have to live their life for a week which can be remarkably different from yours which can cause complications. To be honest I could not complain about the way I was taken care of. They showed me lots of national traditions and took me to places which were not planned as a part of the project.

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

The project was an amazing experience and an opportunity to see how people succeeded thanks to hard work and optimistic view, to create strong friendships, get to know a new culture and see what it is like to live in a different country. I will surely be one of the first to sign up for another project like this one.

**Gabriella Alexandrova, Bulgaria**



**Bulgarian students and teachers in front of museum in Frydek-Mistek**



**Bulgarian group in park**



**Bulgarian student with his Czech host during visiting the history museum od mining**



## Angela'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?**

I decided to sign up for this project for different reasons: I really love travelling and finding new places to increase my culture, I like meeting new people and I wanted to improve my English. I've asked my teacher if I could go to the Czech Republic because when the teachers of all the schools that took part in the project and spoke about their country I was impressed about this one and when my teacher told me 'yes' I was very enthusiastic!

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

In my opinion the topics we talked about during the project are the actual themes and even if not all of us were interested in them, the things that specialists taught us are important for our future and our job.

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

During the project I had the chance to be more confident and communicative and thank to these activities I met new friends I'm still in contact with.

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

I learnt how to decorate biscuits, I'm still proud of my new skills, I learnt to collaborate with

my friends in another language and, most important of all, I learnt something about myself that I didn't know: I am able to adapt myself to different lifestyles even if at the start it isn't easy.

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

I think that every experience in life will help in the future and in the future work but this in particular because if one day I decided to go abroad for different reasons I could use the experience gained through the project to help and guide me. In fact I learned that I can believe in myself.

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

When I arrived in Czech Republic I was nervous about my host family, but as soon as I saw them I was happy to meet them. The family that hosted me in fact was fantastic and I have been very lucky. They were nice, hospitable, patient, kind and funny and my partner has 2 brothers and they made me feel like a sister. I had a new family for a week and they made me feel loved every moment.

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

I will never forget that experience, the fantastic people, the things that I discovered about the work and about that great country and if I could I would do it all over again from the beginning even now.

**Angela Matteucci, Italy**



**Italian group during visiting a company - Vítkovice Cylinders Ltd.**

**Italian team in Karviná**



**ERASMUS+ group during visiting a Technical University of Ostrava**



# Hakan'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 intention to participate in the EASY project is to improve my skills in the language, see new places and discover new cultures and learn local entrepreneurs and meet new people. During our mobility we visited Czech Republic. The first days the weather conditions was very bad and hard to get used to for us as we came from the South but then We got used to. We were very impressed by our visit and activities, sightseeing and warm friendly atmosphere and hospitality of our hosts. If we had the opportunity we would like to visit the country and Prague we liked very much with its history old building and squares

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

Yes, I think the project has a connection with real life. Institutions and factories we visited whose development and innovation stories were very impressive to us. The success from a small enterprise to become a world brand whose stories has attracted the attention of the young people.

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

I gained the language skills firstly then social competences I have never been abroad before and know new friends culture and entrepreneurship ideas and friendship. I learned to live away from my family to decide to spend my money abroad and my language skills improved.

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

We made Christmas cookies to decorate the school although I did not manage to make it good I enjoyed myself working with a team and it was a good experience for us. I have seen many interesting places which I have never been before. It was the first time for me to travel by a plane and it was very exciting and I was very excited but then everything was good and liked it. To go abroad was my dream it came true with this project. This mobility had a very important place in my life because I saw many beautiful places and make new friends to learn a lot of things during this visit.

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

Yes, I think, the work environment in the factories we visited, working conditions and working order affected my thoughts for instance working in an Iron and Steel factory seemed to be fun I discovered it was not a type of work for me.

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

I think It was sourced from my host but it was really an excellent experience for me. Although their life style, language eating habits and many things were different from mine I felt as if I were living there in this family thanks to their hospitality and friendship I adopted my hosts family easily thanks to EASY project.

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

I really liked the project, never forget my memories and the friendships. The program was so much fun there was not a boring activity and factory visits this is why I spent a full week with good memories experiences and new knowledges.

**Hakan Bas, Turkey**



**Turkish students**

**Turkish students during visiting a company - Vítkovice Cylinders, Ltd.**



**Turkish students and teachers on the way back home**



## Vitor'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?**

I signed up for the project because I really like visiting other countries and getting to know other cultures. This project was an excellent opportunity to visit a far away country like Czech Republic and so I decided to sign up for the EASY Project. I visited Karviná and Ostrava and I really liked it because it was very different from 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 the topic of the project, Entrepreneurial and Skilful Youth, is very important for young people like me because we need to learn how businesses work, how we can start our own business and get the necessary skills to find a good interesting challenging job. By visiting many different companies we get a better idea of the working market and the different possibilities in the market regarding different jobs.

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

I had the opportunity to practice my English skills and improve my overall communication skills. I met many people from different countries which helped expand my horizons and get a new perspective about my future.

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

I learned a lot about Christmas traditions in Czech Republic, like the Christmas cookies and markets. I really liked the Christmas cookies workshop and the visit to Marlenka, the sweets factory.

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

Yes, I do because I improved my English communication skills a lot and nowadays speaking English is an essential skill to find a job anywhere and in many different fields.

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

As I am a very talkative and friendly person it was very easy for me to stay in a different house where everything was new to me. Martin was very friendly and we became friends quite easily. His family was great and special too. They took me in their house without knowing me at all and treated me like another member of the family! They made me feel at home and welcome and that made my experience in Czech Republic even better.

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

I really enjoyed visiting Czech Republic, getting to know a lot about their culture and traditions during Christmas time, meeting so many people from different countries, meeting a special friend like Martin, having the opportunity to speak English all the time, visiting great companies like Marlenka (the sweets factory), the brewery (a local beer producer), the steel factory, taking part in the Christmas' cookies workshop and visiting the different Christmas' traditional markets. It was a great experience!

**Vitor Viegas, Portugal**



**Portuguese team with traditional Christmas drinks**

**Portuguese group during workshop - Decorating Christmas Biscuits**



**Portuguese students and teachers in Olomouc**





# Megija´s experience



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

I liked staying in the host family because I could see closer the traditions and habits of Czech families. And I got a lot of great friends.

**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?**

As I am in the Students Board of our school I wanted to get to know how Student Boards work in other countries. During the project I visited Czech Republic.

**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 agree that the topic focused on business is very important because we learn a lot new things about entrepreneurship.

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

I learned how to use digital tools in promoting the business and also got knowledge about the enterprises in Czech Republic. Moreover, I could learn about how the Student Board works in Czech school and what activities they organize.

**Megija Garoza, Latvia**



**Latvian students with helmets during visiting a company - Vítkovice Cylinders, Ltd.**

**Happy Latvian team :-)**



**Proud Latvian students and teachers with their certificates**



## Some moments during mobility in Czech Republic



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