



# INNOVATIVE GENERATION

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## 1. Flight to Spain

A journey to Spain

Our exciting journey began on April 22, 2017 at 6 am. It took us about three hours to get from our village Kamienica Polska to the airport in Warsaw by car. On the way we stopped at Mc Donald's because there was no time to have breakfast in the morning.

We arrived at the airport two hours before the flight so we had some time for tea or coffee and to do last minute shopping. We flew with Norwich airlines. For some of us it was the first time of travelling by plane. When we were boarding the plane we noticed a fire engine and some men wearing overalls next to our plane. It looked a little bit suspicious and we weren't surprised to hear the pilot saying that there was a one hour delay due to some technical problems with the plane.

During the flight we were accompanied by turbulence, which was very exciting, especially for the first time flyers. Apart from the boys, who were sitting next to each other in almost the business class, each of us had a seat in a different part of the plane, which actually made the flight more interesting.

The 4-hour flight to Malaga seemed really long to me but we had a chance to admire beautiful landscapes from the windows, it was also interesting to see the Alps mountains.

At the airport in Malaga we were greeted by a Spanish driver who was holding a sheet of paper with the name of our teacher. He took us by taxi to our beautiful hotel in Rincon De La Victoria.

Natalia Padula

## 2. Impression of IES Bezmiliana

Bezmiliana is the Rincon de la Vitoria's school. It's a Primary, Middle and High School.

The building is quite new and big: it has got a lot of classrooms, toilets, conference rooms and open spaces, there's even a swimming pool!

The school organizes a lot of projects: photograph exhibition, aperitifs, food projects and also the Erasmus + project; there is even a library that has a lot of books, even old ones.



The relationship with teachers is very sociable: students and teachers are like mothers and children but with the right distances.

I felt welcomed by teachers and by students because from the first second we met we started speaking as if we have known for years!

Andrea Bosetti

### 3. Sport activities - Kayak - Surf in Nerja

On Monday we went kayaking on the sea of Nerja. It was a really nice trip and we saw a lot of beautiful things. Like a rock sculpture that looked like the face of a man. We also saw some little beaches where hippie societies were living. At the end we could go under a waterfall and we swam in the sea. It was rather cold but we could handle it. Two



people became seasick so they went back to the beach early. It was rather exhausting but some of us had enough energy left to do the next activity.



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The next activity was subbing, it's a little like surfing but you had to stand on the surfboard and peddle. It was a nice activity and we laughed a lot.

After the subbing we laid a little longer on the beach and when we left, it started raining so it was perfect timing.

For the rest of the week we didn't do a lot of sport activities, just some beach games with the other students. We also walked a lot in Malaga and Granada so it was a rather exhausting week.

*Hannah De Rouck en Briek Declercq*



## 4. Heritage of the humanity “La Alhambra”

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, we visited Granada. We started our day with a bus trip that took about 2 hours. The first activity of the day was a walk up a hill with a lot of stairs, to have a beautiful view of the city and the Alhambra. At noon, we continued by doing some sightseeing of Granada, followed by 2.5 hours of free time. After this, we finally set off to the Alhambra.

The way contained another walk up a hill, but it was worth the effort. The Alhambra, built by muslims, is a world heritage site and one of the 7 world wonders. The tour consisted of 2 parts; the first part includes visiting the beautiful flower gardens, the other part was





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visiting the Palacios Nazaries itself. The flower gardens were mostly filled with roses and bushes. Here, we also had a beautiful view over the city of Granada. There were a lot of fountains, surrounded by nicely smelling flowers which created a very unique mood. After enjoying the beautiful gardens and all its uniqueness, we moved on to the palace.

You could only enter the palace at the hour noted on your ticket, which was 18:30 for us. the giant palace is really well-preserved with all the details in every room. There's decoration consisting of Arabic text and 3D-patterns on the walls. There was a whole water system connection different pools and fountains. Sadly ,the most famous one, the lion fountain didn't work because it's under construction. We took a break on the former resting place of the queen. This place was located underneath a bridge, where we had a beautiful view of Granada. the shadow underneath the bridge, the sound of all kinds of birds, the smell of all kind of tropical flowers and the little fountain made it the ideal place to cool down.

This was sure a visit we will never forget and something everyone should see at least once in his lifetime. It was a tiring but beautiful day, we made a lot of memories. We hope you also get the chance to visit this incredible palace.

*Kelly Halbach, Margo Braeckman and Lauren Schouppe*

## 5. A visit to Granada

On the second day of our trip to Spain, Tuesday, we visited Granada, a city located next to the Sierra Nevada mountains. We enjoyed the scenery a lot since we have no mountains in my native country Lithuania. First, we wandered around the centre of the city, walked by the Granada Cathedral which is a magnificent Renaissance construction built on a Gothic foundation and saw oranges growing on trees in the streets which was very unusual for us foreigners. After having seen many other natural and historical beauties in Granada, we visited UNESCO World Heritage Site called the Alhambra which stands on the mountaintop overlooking the city. We explored the Nasrid Palace and its marvelous elaborate carvings, mosaics and stained-glass windows as well as the courtyard and the gardens outside the palace. Right next to the Alhambra there is the Generalife - the summer palace of the Nasrid kings. Not only the palace was spectacular but also its gardens that are considered to be one of the oldest gardens in Spain. Without a doubt it is a must-see place as well as Granada which was really worth visiting!

Monika Leisyte, Lithuania

## 6. Visiting Picasso museum

On Wednesday, the third day of the Erasmus+ project in Spain, we visited Malaga. Not only the city was astonishing, but the weather was great as well. The most memorable part of the trip, though, was our visit to the Picasso museum where we had an educational activity called “Understanding the painting“. I didn’t know much about the painter, but I was still looking forward to seeing some of his works. A guide greeted us and lead us through the museum, telling us about the artist and his paintings in detail. I learned many new things about Picasso, for example, that he used to draw realistically and traditionally

when he used to be a child, but as he grew older, he realized that he wants to break the rules of art and learn to draw like a child. That’s how he invented cubism. Walking through the museum and looking at his painting felt like each of his works were unique in their own way and different from each other. It was my first



time visiting an art museum like this, and I certainly don’t regret it. It was probably my favourite part from the whole trip in Spain, and I hope I’ll get to visit it again sometime in my life.

Mingaile Mazelyte, Lithuania



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## An educational activity in Picasso museum

During our visit to Spain we took a tour through the Picasso Museum in Málaga. It was the most memorable and life-changing experience during our visit for me. Our guide was young, positive and energetic, so the tour was definitely interesting because we had an educational activity in the museum “Understanding the painting“. The tour was so life-changing because it changed my understanding in art intelligence. I used to believe that in order to achieve a master level in art category you must create a piece of art so that you can get better in art category, but the truth is that you need to understand the purpose of different art techniques more than get good at them without having any idea about the creation of it. The realisation it gives is priceless. The Picasso museum is truly a must-see object when you pay a visit Málaga.

Vytaras Juraska, Lithuania

## 7. Visiting Málaga

We left with a very luxurious local bus to the city of Malaga. After a 20 minutes ride we arrived at the center of the town. First we took a break to eat our lunch and after that we went for a walk. We passed by the expensive shopping street and some tourist shops. There were some wonderful buildings like the cathedral, which we visited as well. It was very big and impressive. There were a lot of sculptures about priests and traditions. Then we went to the Picasso museum. The guide told us that the pieces hanging in the museum were from his private collection and pieces that he gave away to his friends and family. It was very exclusive and intimate, which was magnified because the museum was so small, thereby you were close to the pictures. We learned a lot of things about his different painting styles and some cool facts, like that he had to paint in the dark during WWII. We liked the guide very much. She was very passionate and had a cool way of getting us interested in the paintings. She didn't just tell you stuff, she got you involved by asking questions about what you saw in the paintings. Our next stop was at the oldest café of the town where we had a refreshing drink at a nicely decorated location. At 3 PM the rooftop bar opened where we had another refreshing drink with a nice view. We headed out for some ice cream and a boy in our group decided that he wanted to cut his hair. We did some shopping while he went to the barber shop. It turned out well. To finish our visit we had a boat trip while the sun was setting. We had a great mojito and luckily nobody got sick. The view and atmosphere were amazing. We would definitely advise it if you ever go to Malaga. Sadly our evening ended on bad terms because of some mean waiter at dinner. The food wasn't that good either but it was edible. Then we took the bus back to the hotel. It was a nice but tiring day so we went straight to bed.

*Aida Hinssen en Itza Swerts*

## 8. Feria de las Ciencias - Workshops

During our stay in Spain we had a chance to participate in a big event organised by our host's school IES BEZMILIANA - a Science Festival. The festival is organized every year and students from many schools in Spain come here to show their inventions and experiments. It offers a range of workshops, presentations and interactive activities for people interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The event took place on the school's basketball court where each school had an assigned stall. At one stall some girls from one school were teaching volunteers how to make musical instruments. At another one students presented how to make natural colours from plants. We liked the presentation prepared by our



Spanish friends, who showed some sticky material which behaved like a rock when it was pushed hard but when you just touched it, it was soft.

Our school has also prepared some experiments for that event. We built a simple spirometer, which we used to measure a vital capacity of a person (the maximum amount of air a person can expel from his/her lungs after a maximum inhalation)

The biggest attraction for us was a vehicle, presented by students from Madrid, which could travel on land and water and it was controlled by smartphone app.

We have never been at this kind of festival but we really enjoyed it.

Patryk Filipiak and Jakub Sarna

## 9. Workshop - Making Ethernet cables

In the first place we divided the Erasmus students into two groups because they were too many to do the workshop together. The first group was made up of students from Belgium and Poland, and the second from Lithuania and Italy.



The practice was to make Ethernet cables work properly. We gave them UTP cables. First they had to remove a small piece of plastic from the end of the cable. Then they had to place the small colored caps in order and be careful not to mix or bend them. Finally they had to fit the cable into the RJ45 connectors without

the colored cables becoming mixed up or the cable would not work. We finally used some testers to check that the process had been done correctly.

All in all I think it was a nice experience they learnt something that almost no one knew before, as for us to be teachers for one day. I think the students had fun or I hope so because we strive to teach them to make the cables correctly with the added difficulty of doing it in another language.

Jose Pascual Campos



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On Wednesday we visited the school IES Bezmiliana in Rincon de la Victoria, there were many things for us to do. We participated in several workshops and one of them was where we had to set up a WiFi connection, then set a password for it individually. So, each of us was given a cable, crimpable connectors for the cable and a crimping tool. The Spanish students told us to make an ethernet cable. Spanish students were very friendly as they were helping us to make the cables. When I made my ethernet cable, I needed to test it if it works fine. I used a tester which blinks for every wire connected correctly in the cable, but I did not succeed, two wires were not connected correctly. I repeated the process on another two cables, but in each one I made a mistake. However, I really enjoyed that workshop activity because I got a lot of experience from it which I hope will be useful in the future.

Domas Kazlas, Lithuania

## 10. Workshop - Configuring an Access Point

How to configure a Wireless Access Point

During the visit of the Erasmus+ students we have prepared some activities to show them what we are studying.

This workshop is about Wireless Access Point; the access point is basically a device that connects through an Ethernet cable and generates a Wi-Fi signal.

We used a ppt to explain step by step how the device works and how to configure it.

The first step was to physically connect the device, and after they had to configure the Access Point. To understand how to connect the device was easy, but to configure it?, not everyone had experience in configuring computers and fewer in configuring devices as Access Points.

To understand concepts like an IP address, mask, gateway or DNS Server is difficult, I remember how complicated it was for me when I started to study IT.

The result of this workshop was a lot of Network Wi-Fi, for name and password were selected by the students. They could test the network Wi-Fi performance and my colleagues could use the new Wi-Fi network for connecting to the Internet and speaking with family and friends in their countries.

What did we learn? Spanish students realized how specific our subjects are if we compare with non-vocational studies, how complicated it is to explain some concepts, but the most important thing for us was to have the opportunity of working with Erasmus students. In the workshop students from different countries were working together.

Sebastian Ionut Preda

## 11. Wifislax - Crack a Network Wireless

The Erasmus students who were visiting our school attended a workshop where we explained the problem that we have when we can not access the Internet when traveling and the security problems that companies and individuals have.



We explained how to use wifislax, this program permit us to crack the Wi-Fi password.

The first step was to set up an access point, this device permits us to emit a Wi-Fi signal; the second step was to try to discover the Wi-Fi password, we use the Wifislax program. The program has been loaded onto a usb stick. We used “*linset*” as a tool to crack the password, this tool created an identical Wi-Fi network. *Linset* blocks the Internet access for actual users, and ask them for their Wi-Fi password. The program send us the password and so it is possible to access to Internet.



We know this workshop was too complicated for the students and possible interesting for only few students; but you wanted to explain how easy it is to crack password.

## 12. Spanish culture - Flamenco

Flamenco is a professionalized art-form based on the various folkloric music traditions of Southern Spain in autonomous community of Andalusia, Extremadura and Murcia. In a wider sense, it refers to these musical traditions and more modern musical styles which have themselves been deeply influenced by and become blurred with the development of flamenco over the past two centuries. It includes singing, guitar playing, dance, vocalizations, handclapping and finger snapping. In this years, flamenco has become popular all over the world, especially in the United States and Japan.



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When we went to Malaga for the cultural exchange we did a flamenco lesson with all guys of their countries. On Thursday in the morning we went to the school because we did some school project, at 12.00 we did a lunch with the teacher and guys of every countries and when we finished to eat we went to the gym near our hotel. When we entered in the gym we met our Flamenco teacher, she was friendly and well. The lesson was very nice and I was happy for to try Flamenco. I think that I don't put my name down in a flamenco class, because I don't like to dance, but I'd like to try again a flamenco lesson.



## 13. Visiting Ronda

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 during the cultural-exchange in Malaga for the European project Erasmus+ called “Innovative Generation” we visited Ronda, a little white city, 100 km far from Malaga with 35.000 habitants.

Unfortunately, we couldn't see the beautiful view from the viewpoint because of the rain and of the wind. It is called “Puente Nuevo”, it was built in 42 years until 1793 and it connects the old part of Ronda and the new part and it is the biggest monument in Ronda,



Later we visited the museum and the arena of the bulls called the Real Maestranza.

To protect the city, in 1575 the king Felipe II created the Real Maestranza de Caballería de Ronda. During XVIII century the bullfighters took this place for the game with

bulls, now the real maestranza is an historical and artistic patrimony in Spain. It is recognized as the oldest and most beautiful bulls' arena in the world. The arena was inaugurated in 1785 with the first corrida.

Nowadays they do a Corrida only a few times a year and the most famous is called la Goyesca

In the square in front of the arena there is a monument for bulls and bullfighters, the most famous bullfighter of Ronda is Pedro Romero. We also visited the square Duquesa de Parecent, the most picturesque square in Ronda, full of monuments like the church of Santa María la Mayor.



#### 14. Feelings about Spain

The first day we arrived in Spain I didn't sleep a lot, because we came back from Rome. We landed in Belgium and 3 hours later we left Belgium again.

I wasn't feeling well the first day but the second day I slept a lot and I was feeling way better. That was really nice! The rest of the stay in Spain was fantastic. I enjoyed meeting a lot of new people! Some became even friends. Sometimes I had the feeling that I was just on a holiday. Certainly when we were chilling on the beach. We also swam 2 times in the sea, it wasn't very hot but I think that if you go to a beach you have to swim, no matter how cold the sea is.

We also visited Malaga itself and Granada. It were 2 very beautiful cities. I think I want to visit them again when I'm older! The Alhambra was also really beautiful. And The beer Alhambra is the best beer of whole Spain, I'm glad I brought some can's home ;-).

The exchange was something really nice, I will always remember all the beautiful things we saw and did. I hope I will see some of the students again once in my life!

Thank you for the opportunity you gave me to join this international exchange program!

*Briek Declercq*

I had a great time in Malaga. On the first day we were really tired. But from day two, the atmosphere was good! During the activities we learned to know the group as funny people. And soon we went out together in the evening. It was nice that we had a lot of free time in Malaga and the other cities , so we could explore the cities at our own and enjoy the sunshine. The activities we did were really funny. Everything was organized well so we never had to worry. It was a week to never forget!

*Hannah De Rouck*

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Our trip to Malaga was one to never forget. We did a lot of fun things and had a great experience. We went to do kayak in the most beautiful place with an amazing view. We visited the Alhambra and some beautiful towns. Apart from that we also learned a lot. We got to know a lot of new people, cultures and languages. The atmosphere was great. We all got along very well. The food in Spain is always amazing. We discovered some nice restaurants with great paella and of course: tapas! The weather was great, which made it all complete.

*Itza Swerts*

I loved the trip! Although the heat was quite different from what I am used to in Belgium. I liked Granada the most out of the different cities that we visited, but I am still sad that I didn't try the Granada ice-cream. I also liked the idea of a tapas bar like the 100 quincineros. It would be a great restaurant here in Belgium where you can eat a lot for a little bit of money. Overall I think it was a great trip and I am happy that I was able to go to such a loving and open community.

*Aida Hinssen*

Spain is a beautiful country with the best beaches on earth! The locals are really nice and friendly to strangers. They have to be, because there are a lot of tourists which annoyed me enormously. The atmosphere on the streets is cosy and positive, even though most people don't live in the best conditions. Most families live in small apartments outside the city centre. I got the chance to have dinner with Jonathan, a Spanish student, and his family. His mother let me help her cook lunch (which was at 3:00pm already!) it was very interesting and fun to do, but even better to eat! We, Belgians, earn a lot more than them, but ingredients from supermarkets are as expensive in Spain as here, which I think



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is quite unfair. Spanish restaurants are a lot less expensive than over here. In Spain, you can have a delicious dinner for only €2 ! After all, I really liked Spain and I hope I will be able to go back soon to meet again with all the new friends I made.

*Kelly Halbach*

The Erasmus project in Malaga was wonderful. I had a great time over there together with the other students and the teachers. The group was wonderful with many people really getting to know each other.

The activities that we did were also something to never forget. I learned to peddle, learned about the Alhambra, and the beautiful city Granada. If you're going to Granada, you better not be afraid of walking uphill, cause that's about the only thing that you have, hills. But the views on the hills, they are just gorgeous! It would defiantly recommend it to anybody.

The next day we went to pay a visit to IES Bezmiliana, the guest school, It was really different from our school. After this brief visit, we went to the town hall. Here we got to meet the mayor of Rincòn de la Victoria. She was also the minister of education. Here we all took a picture together and hopped on a bus to Malaga.

Malaga is a beautiful city with a many little streets which are home to nice little restaurants, a big shopping street and of course, the museum of Picasso. In a nice little building, we got to see the evolution of Picasso, through his life. We also went to a rooftop bar, with a beautiful view over the city of Malaga. After this, it only got better, as we went on a catamaran to see the sunset.

The next day we got to the science fair, organized by IES Bezmiliana. Here we got to see many projects of different organisations, students, and just people happy to pass their time with science. We also got to do some workshop which the students had prepared.



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These were all very interesting, and ranging from putting together a Ethernet cable to building a computer.

After this there was something which was not my cup of tea. Dancing flamenco. Dancing in general isn't my favorite thing, but the mood in the group was good, and we all got a good laugh out of it. After the dancing, went some to the beach, others took a shower, and I was packing my bag, as we had to leave the next morning, back to cold, dark Belgium.

But luckily, we still had one evening left. The whole Spanish crew prepared tapas for all the guests. Here we also got a certificate, which showed we participated in this 6-day journey. We went to a bar for a little drink and headed to our beds. Ready to take a final rest before we could go home on the plane.

It was an awesome experience which I will never forget. Loved the whole journey and the time with the other people!

*Lauren Schouppe*

## 15. Compare to our school

Our school is older, it was built in 1599; and even if it was very strict, now it is as strict as the Spanish one. Being built in those years it is in full Barocco's style.

It survived at 1600's plague and at the First and Second World War.

Collegio Rotondi is a Catholic school and the headmaster is a priest, we have two churches inside the school with beautiful paintings and statues.

Italian school has got more extra scholastic venues : a football and a basket pitches, an athletic track, a museum, a library.



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Even in Italy we have to do a lot of projects: conferences, trips, School Olympic games.

- About the conferences, once we went to Brescia for listening to “UBI” (an important Italian bank) conferences and we also spoke about the European union. Last April, Lara Comi, a MEP (member of European parliament) came to our school and told us about Europe’s projects.
- Another interesting trip we had was last year, when we had a fantastic experience in Milan: a blindness experience where we could feel the same feelings as a blind person.
- Finally in May we generally have Olympic games where the disciplines are long jump, weight throw, one hundred and one thousand meters.

Andrea Bosetti



## 16. Free time

We didn't have a lot of free time during our visit in Spain because our hosts organized a lot of activities for us, took us on sightseeing trips or we participated in workshops at their school.

When we had some free time we tried to spend it on the beach because it was a big attraction for us. We have the Baltic Sea in Poland but it's in the north of the country and people usually go there in summer and even then it's often cold. So whenever we had a chance we would go for long walks with our teachers along the seashore, had a swim in the sea or play volleyball. It was cool!

In the evenings we usually met with our friends from Lithuania, Belgium, Spain and Italy and had dinner in one of the restaurants next to the beach. First, some of us were worried about our language skills, we were afraid that we would have communication problems. But when we started talking about music, sport, traditional food we became more relaxed and forgot about our worries. The conversations were really funny, all the time we were laughing and making jokes. We made a lot of friends with students from different countries. For me the visit to Spain was a great experience and I hope to stay in touch with the students from our Erasmus group.

Natalia Procek

## 17. Looking forward

When I decided to take part in the Erasmus+ Project I didn't think what it means. My teachers explained what an Erasmus+ Project was, what opportunities it could offer me, but I really did not know.

We prepared the meeting in April, it was a lot of work and I thought "it is not worth it". I completely changed my opinion after the meeting, I really enjoyed myself, meeting new people and practicing English. I only hope my colleagues have the same positive experiences as me.

The next meeting will be in Lithuania, and what do I hope? I hope to meet again with my colleagues and discover a country which I have never thought about visit. I have been looking for information about Lithuania: food, geography, history... Lithuania is a very different country from Spain.

I'm looking forward to a unique experience with participants of all the countries, this is a different way of meeting people and discovering a country .

Alejandro Cabello