



T.C. BETTER TOGETHER

Hola caracola!
Puente Genil, Spain

Asociación Europa 2020 and Partners



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**Asociación Europa 2020
brought together youth
organizations and youth
workers from 11
different countries to
focus in three key fields:
the facilitation of
European and
international youth
work projects, leadership
skills, and organizational
management skills**



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Team Building



We started off the project by getting to know each other and the town of Puente Genil. We did some speed dating and walked to the different churches around the town in honour of our team mascot, Gordo.



Intercultural Night

Everyone shared a bit of the countries they live in. We feasted on traditional sweets, sausages, cured meats, and special drinks while sharing our traditional dances and art exhibitions.





Theatre Education and unravelling Erasmus+ opportunities

Theatre can be a very empowering tool for young people to learn about themselves and the world by stepping out of their comfort zone. We all had the chance to be creative while inventing characters that represented possible Erasmus+ participant profiles. These characters were able to interact with one another through different performances.



The Erasmus+ programme provides many opportunities for young people to learn, grow professionally, practice active citizenship, travel, and connect with people from all over the world. Young people can create and be involved in KA 1: youth exchanges and training course, KA 2: small scale or large scale partnerships, KA 3: youth workers & young people working with politicians, and ESC: allowing for volunteering and solidarity projects.





Discovering Córdoba



An enchanting city where you are constantly confronted with the extensive and layered history of this place. We had the opportunity to meet the representatives of the Spanish National Agency, as well as from Euro Desk Córdoba. From the very beginning of our visit to the NA, we got to learn of the long history of the city, and continued while we all walked the different city streets, visiting historical monuments, different museums, restaurants, cafés, and tea houses all around the city. It is safe to say, we were all left wanting more of Córdoba.



Cañada de la Plata and World Café



The organizers of the training course gave us the pleasant surprise of taking us to a local social club of the summer to get a taste of what the local people do on a typical Sunday afternoon. Many of the guests watched soccer on the t.v. while others prepared and celebrated a birthday celebration. As a group, we feasted on delicious Spanish Paella for lunch, enjoyed the sun, while indulging in cold beverages and coffee. The second part of the day we spent discussing specific questions about Erasmus+ and youth work in a "World Café" format.



Project Ideas: Project chefs cooking it up!



As participants were split into different groups to collectively create several project ideas for future Erasmus+ projects. Ideas were creative while addressing current hot topics and challenges related to young people. We learned to connect our ideas with the Erasmus+ horizontal dimensions: Inclusion, Digitalization, Ecological, and Civic Engagement. We also considered the S.W.O.T. analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats.

- "ReACT 2.0"
A training course that aims to develop hard and soft skills for young people and actively providing a solution to the problem of youth unemployment in the EU. Using theatre tools and methods, participants will work together to create a show. From production to communication, from technical realization, to rehearsals, to stage it up, to its presentation in front of an audience. A common, collective challenge with the clear intention of creating a memory to be shared and spread in its values of integration and growth.

- Bringing parts of Europe together and create a space for discussion about big challenge we will have to face with climate change, especially water pollution, water distribution, water decreasing - and by using art as a medium to spread our knowledge and thoughts with local communities

- "Dance 2 Power"
A youth exchange for empowering young people by connecting them to traditional dances to build a sense of community and to learn of eco friendly lifestyles.

- 3 day training course in digital competencies for people with disabilities with the use of a digital board

- a project to get young people to play sports, in order to tackle the problems like obesity, attention deficit and bullying.

Participating Countries:



Partner

Organizations:

- Peace Volunteering Network (PVN Albania) (Albania)
- Viimsi noortekeskus (Estonia)
- NaturKultur e.V. (Germany)
- GO Alive (Greece)
- New Wellness Education (Italy)
- Teatr Wschodni / Eastern Theatre (Poland),
- HAIR Redivivus BUZAU (Romania),
- European Youth Centre Břeclav (Czech Republic),
- Youthorgtr (Turkey),
- Udruzenje Svetlost (Serbia)
- Asociación Europa 2020 (Spain)



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