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To begin with, this was my first ever Erasmus project I had participated in; it had a positive impact on me as a person. I had the opportunity to socialise with people from France, from all sorts of cultural backgrounds and environments for a week, which was filled with all kinds of fun activities and trips to fascinating places. The friends I've made in France are people I will treasure for the rest of my life. I've learned interesting facts about monuments from Dunkerque, the city we stayed in, not only from guides, but also from teachers and students also participating in the project.



Alexia BELECA, 11th grade student, Colegiul Național *Petru Rareș* Suceava

In the beginning, I would like to say that this Erasmus project was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. It took place in Dunkerque, France. It was a dream come true to have the chance to visit this country and interact directly with people from France and Italy, create memories and learn about the differences and similarities between our countries. It helped us to improve our communication skills and to discover the culture and the civilization which make France so unique, not to mention that we were very well welcomed by our host. What amazed me the most was the architecture of this city and the lifestyle of the French people, which is so different from our own. We started as strangers from other countries but ended up as a big family, and we all know we'll never forget these moments.



Irena Bilius, 11th grade student, Colegiul Național *Petru Rareș* Suceava

I have always heard that Erasmus projects are some of the most beautiful experiences someone can take part in. These words were confirmed the moment I walked in my “home for a week” in Dunkirk, a city of significant historical and cultural importance. My host family, with whom I still keep in touch, was extremely hospitable and truly made me feel as one of their own. Not



only did I have a special connection with the family who involved me as much as possible in their daily activities, sharing their culture in fascinating ways, but through the activities that the project provided, I found out comprehensive information about the French civilization and culture. We visited a lot of important places from the northwest region of France, building friendships not only with the foreign students, but also with the Romanian ones that I did not know before going into the project.

Being my first Erasmus project, the ACIDE project motivated me to participate in these kinds of mobilities every time I get the chance, as they truly are an incredible way to improve your knowledge of other cultures, to meet new people from completely different backgrounds but that have a mindset similar to ours, and to make unforgettable memories.



Matei BOTEZAT, 11th grade student, Colegiul Național *Petru Rareș* Suceava



An unforgettable experience. An experience that made me understand the French culture better. I had the opportunity to make friends from both France and Italy. Also, I consider that the workshops contributed to my development as a person. I am glad that I had the chance to participate in this project, that I came back with so many wonderful memories and I would like to thank all the teachers for their involvement.



Ioana Mădălina CIUC, 11th grade student, Colegiul Național *Petru Rareș* Suceava



Ever since I got into *Petru Rareș* National College, I dreamed about being part of an Erasmus project. I always believed that it is a perfect way to discover yourself and to learn how to be part of something bigger. Therefore, when I got the chance, I applied for the ACIDE project.

From the very first day, I realized that it was even more than I had expected. My exchange partner was really kind and she thought of me as a sister. Everyone was very open minded and there were a lot of interesting topics and workshops, beginning with getting to know yourself, to debating the world's biggest problems. Even more, we got to visit the beautiful city of Dunkerque, which has a very interesting back story.

I encourage everyone to apply for such projects, because it really makes you see life in a different way, a better one. I became friendlier and got the courage to speak up. I am still in touch with some of the participants, and I hope to keep it that way.



Mălina COVALIU, 11th grade student, Colegiul Național *Petru Rareș* Suceava



This spring, I had the wonderful opportunity to welcome a French student into my home for the Erasmus ACIDE project that took place in Suceava. We had a great time together, along with the other students that took part in the project, from all the participating countries: Romania, France and Italy. I made lifelong friendships and met students and teachers who share the same values and goals as me. While in France I was overjoyed to see my French exchange partner and friends again and to discover the French city and culture, while developing, improving and gaining skills.



A wooden-framed collage of photos and cutouts. The photos include: a night harbor scene with boats and city lights; three boys sitting on a couch in a living room; two people standing on a beach looking at the ocean; a group of four people sitting around a table playing cards; and two people standing in front of a large red and blue graffiti wall that says 'COLLEGE BORIS VIAN'. The cutouts include: a blue and white ship on a cloud; a blue statue on a yellow pedestal; a yellow bee; a colorful fish; and a blue building.

Sabin Vaşcovici, 10th grade student, Colegiul Național *Petru Rareș* Suceava

First off, this was a unique experience, from which I have learned a great deal, like the different mentalities of other cultures and their way of life. This project took place in Dunkerque, France, in the span of a week full of activities, fun, and laughter. Opinions were exchanged, lifelong friendships were born and everlasting memories were created. The project had an impact on my understanding of communication by interacting with people from different parts of Europe, drawing the conclusion that words can get us to a certain point, but without the will for growth and development not much can be achieved. This project will remain engraved in my memory as an opportunity to meet other people and experience a different lifestyle while discovering that we are not so different after all.

