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Comments on our Comenius Stay in Greece

ELIE

This fourth meeting of our Comenius programme, this time in Greece, was really interesting. I knew nothing about the Greeks' habits and their culture, but now, thanks to Kriton and all the others who hosted foreigners like me, they showed me that the Greeks are really nice people.

During the stay, we discovered several aspects of their culture, particularly in the field of this meeting's theme : food in such countries as Spain, Italy, Poland and Greece. We also visited two museums and went on a tour of the city.

The Greek students were really very nice with us, they took us to the largest mall in the city of Thessaloniki, to the bowling, they also organised a party for all the students !

Concerning Greek habits, it was quite different from France because there (as in most European countries), they have lunch at 3:00pm and off and on they nibble something if they feel hungry, whereas in France, people usually have one meal at noon, and another at 7-8pm..

I could see that the main sport there was football because it's everywhere ! I was very surprised when my host spoke about French teams and French players!

But this fourth meeting isn't only about Greece and "The Habits of European Youngsters", during those five days, I met people from four different nations, and that is a strong experience for youngsters.

At the end, no one wanted to leave because we felt like a family, many students shed a tear at the time of departure, it was really moving. We have different languages, cultures, ways of life but we were together.

We took a lot of pictures and some videos, we went back home with our heads full of precious memories... This is what makes the Comenius programme so unique. I really hope I'll be able to see all these people again in the future.

Elie Alawoe, TS Euro

CAMILLE

My Comenius stay in Greece

Greece is so amazing!

I should say the Greeks are such wonderful people! Thanks to them, we had lots of fun: they did their best so that everybody should feel at home. They did everything for us: we, French, Spanish, Polish and Italian students, have tasted the delicious Greek food (tzatziki, feta, spanacopita, melomacaron and so on...); we have spent so funny and friendly moments in cafés, bowling... We have discovered new people, new ways of thinking, a new culture...

It was such an interesting stay! We also learnt a lot, in museums, about Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greek history, King Alexander, Byzantine times...

On the other hand, I have been perfectly hosted by a lovely Greek family, I would like to thank Stella's family for having been so nice and thoughtful with me. I did not expect such a gorgeous welcome by this family, by all the Greek students and their teachers too, thank you all!

Then, I have to say that I met so nice and sweet teenagers, I shall never forget them! Finally, I hope one day, we will all get together once more, because I already miss the "Comenius atmosphere". I love Greek people, I'm crazy about Greece, I'm fond of Europe!

Camille Cramez, TS Euro

CAMILLE

If I had one word to remember from this stay, it would be 'friendship' or maybe communion. Indeed, we have met fantastic people.

We had the opportunity to share different cultures, tastes, opinions... and get to know the other students from the Comenius project. Greek people are absolutely full of kindness, they tried to make everybody feel comfortable and it worked! We are now a big family spread all over Europe! In Greece, we visited museums, a Greek high school, we had parties...! And, I hope, we have improved our English.

Moreover, everybody was happy to be there and very sad when the time came to part! It was weird to notice that we were all different but so close to one another, everybody is everybody's friend now! This stay was very intense because it lasted only four days, but it was long enough for us to learn how to know one another. We took many photos just to keep this stay forever in our minds, but I am sure that no one will forget this incredible experience! I just hope now that we could all meet again, in any country because I already miss them!!

Camille DAGBA, TS Euro

PERRINE

My Comenius stay in Greece

The journey I took with my teachers and three other school-friends from Anatole France was an unforgettable experience which began on the 20th of November.

After a three-hour flight, we arrived in Thessaloniki where all the Greek students were waiting for us. At that moment, I was really happy to see again my Greek friend and the other girls who had come to France last year. Then my pen-friend took me to her house and I met her family who showed me round their house. I offered her big slippers in the shape of sheep because she had told me she loved this animal, and she gave me a beautiful scarf. Even if we were tired, she suggested we met

some of the other Comenius partners in a cafe where there was a relaxed atmosphere. We had a good laugh together.

On Wednesday, all Comenius students spent quite a few hours in the high school in order to meet the Greek teachers and speak with more students. Later on, each country presented its recipes to the other teams. After this working session, we spent some time in a huge Greek supermarket named the Cosmos where we could buy presents or eat food from all over the world. About 8:00 pm, we had a bowling game and we decided to put one person of each country in every team in order to get acquainted with one another.

The following day, we all visited the Macedonian Tombs at Vergina - a highly interesting place! Everybody paid attention to the guide's explanations, because all the exhibits were fantastic. About 10:00 pm, my pen-friend and I took the bus to join all the others and we walked along the strand and past the White Tower, Thessaloniki's historical landmark. We all met in a famous club in the city where we had a very good time: everybody was dancing, laughing or enjoying themselves and we took hundreds of photos. I think it was one of the best nights in my life. We came back home at the end of the night so we were very tired the following day during the two visits of the Archeological and the Byzantine Museums. When these visits were over, all the Comenius students felt sleepy so we came home and we had a nap

On Friday, all teachers and students went on a bus tour of the city to see the sights. We got off the bus at the White Tower. I was surprised because the view from there was very different by day from by night. There we had some free time so we stayed all together and we had lunch facing the sea. Afterwards, we came back home to get ready for the farewell party. About 10:00, we arrived at another club where the atmosphere was very friendly. We danced all night and took lots of photos again. Throughout the week, I tasted Greek food

such as Moussaka, Hielos or some other meat whose name I can't remember.

On Saturday, we woke early to say goodbye to the Spanish team because they were the first to leave. It was a very sad moment, some of us were in tears. During the day, my Greek pen-friend had to go to a private school so I spent some great hours with our Polish and Italian friends. We took photos and bought presents. Then I went to another Greek girl's flat, very cosy, and we talked about our life, our high school and our family. I came back to my pen-friend's home about 3:00 p.m to pack up and say goodbye to the family. Then they drove me to the airport and I was very sad to leave them.

As I said before, this stay was an unforgettable experience which I enjoy telling to everybody. I can add that I particularly enjoyed our group because everybody was so nice: we all got on well with one another, and we all endeavoured to communicate. Now we are still in contact and chat every night on the internet. I really want to go back to Greece to see them again; maybe we could go in the summer because some of these Greek friends asked us if we would like to come again ...

Perrine Loseto, TS Euro



