

Stavros D.

To be the host of someone is a very good experience and I had the opportunity to live that with the Comenius Program.

Each day was different because we were in different places and we had different moments. The students from all the countries were very funny and friendly. All the time we were all together and from the first time we became a big family.

The emotions this experience makes you feel are magical, strange and amazing. The worst day was the last one because our friends had to leave. My home after the departure of my friend Dawid was empty.

I want to live moments with all the kids again and I want to see all of them again. So I hope that we will meet in the summer.

Ioannis T.

MY COMENIUS EXPERIENCE

I can say that Comenius is the best school program ever! I had the time of my life! Everything and everyone was fascinating!

The first day I met my guest. His name is Matheuz and he is Polish. He is very kind and we had a lot of fun in and out of the house.

The second day we learnt about the culture, the food and everyday habits from every country that participated in Comenius. I can say that there were a few differences in everyday habits but about the food there are many differences. But I mostly enjoyed the evenings. That's because we were all together and we could do whatever we wanted. It was amazing!

The third day we visited the museum at Bergina. It was quite boring for me because I had already been there in the past. But I think that some teens enjoyed that. After that we went to Agios Nikolaos, in Naousa. It is a very relaxing place near to the forest. We decided to stay in a cafe. There we took many photos and everyone was happy. We were talking and getting to know each other better.

On the fourth day, all of the guests visited the Centre of Thessaloniki and many museums. Sadly the Greeks had to stay in Evosmos.

The fifth and final day was very sad for all of us because we had to say goodbye to each other. I hope that in the future we will meet again.

To conclude, every moment we had together was unforgettable. We took a lot of photos so we can remember every teen that was in the Comenius. I can't wait to travel to a foreign country so I can live this wonderful experience again. We were like a family and that's why I won't forget anyone.

I love you all!!

Alexandros S.

A few weeks ago, eighteen incredible students came from four different countries here in our town.

All Greek students were surprised and cheerful because we wanted so much to meet them, to meet their culture and their language.

The first day, we were shy or maybe a bit strange but when we learn more things about them we felt really comfortable and friendly.

Also we understood that although we live in different countries, we have a lot of common! During the days we were visited a lot of sightseeing of Thessaloniki but the best part of our days was surely the nights!!! It was one of my best experience I had ever lived and I am waiting for the connecting meeting in Spain the summer that we have arrange all together :D !!!

Christina D.

These five days were unforgettable. I met Camilla, the Italian girl who I hosted, and all the other guys from Spain, Poland, France and the other two girls from Italy. We had some fantastic moments all together. All the Greek students tried their best to make them more comfortable and at home. We had organized the evenings to be all together, so we became like a big family.

I had the opportunity not only to learn a lot from the guys about their cultures and their languages, but also to meet and learn better the Greek classmates. The most important thing for me is that we have been in touch since the day they left so we learn their news and we make plans for our next meeting.

Finally, all the guys were very polite and cheerful. They have a lot of talents and that is incredible. But I would be happier if the Italian girls could come with us every evening because I was so sad for that.

I will see you again in Italy. I love Comenius!!!!

Danae K. & Maria T.

Hi our friends!

First of all, we would like to thank all students who participated in the Comenius project and left Thessaloniki two weeks ago leaving us with nothing but unique memories that will surely never be forgotten.

This was the forth scheduled Comenius meeting and we, Greeks, were about to host some Polish, Spanish, French and Italian students.

During those five days we came into direct contact with other cultures and languages. This allowed us to have first-hand experience of other countries' people as well as to open our eyes to the world and increase our self-confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

We firmly believe that the Comenius project helped our school develop the European dimension in the otherwise rather boring curriculum!

We would like to pay special tribute to all the students who participated:

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Without your help nothing of all this would have happened.

This Comenius meeting wasn't just another Comenius meeting for us. As any other Comenius meeting of course, it involved sightseeing and partying. But, really, that's not the important part simply because it's going to be quickly forgotten. What's going to stay in our hearts though, is the intimate friendships that we formed, whose strong ties will not be damaged for years to come!

We really love you and we're looking forward to our meeting again in the future!

Maria Av.

The Comenius Project gave me the opportunity to meet people from other countries bond with them and in the end create a beautiful international family. The kids were so lovely, sweet and kind that you couldn't resist them. You wanted to be with them all the time something that we succeeded.

Hosting Camille was an amazing experience. We had so much fun together. Unfortunately I got used to her and now she is gone I miss her a lot. We might be far away but I am sure we will meet again because from what she told me she really liked Greece and she really wants to come back!

I couldn't be happier for participating in such a program not everyone has that chance. I have so many beautiful memories that I'll never forget. Spending time with the guys made me feel like a member of a big family and that's a feeling you don't get very often that's why I wanted to thank them for making me feel that way. I love them all...!!!!!!

Andriana T.

These five days that we spent with the students of the other countries were incredible!!!If only I could live those moments again and again! It was a great opportunity to meet different cultures and make new friends. We learn so many interesting things about their everyday life, their language and their habits!

I was hosting Perrine a very polite and generous French girl. Together we had an unforgettable time in France and now in Greece. It was so amazing to meet her again. We were all the time together and we went out with the other students. Undoubtedly, we had so much fun. Also, I tried to make her feel comfortable and more relaxed in order to have a fabulous stay here and enjoy her trip here.

We were a big family!!!All the guys were so kind and I miss all of them very much. I hope that one day we meet again , because the memories that we gained are wonderful!!! I am sure that I will never forget these fascinating days and I will cherish every moment!!

Stella K.

Hello Comenius friends!

I am very sad that those wonderful four days are over. Every day I think about all those lovely moments I had with all my Comenius friends. I am very happy and joyful because I had the chance to host an amazing girl from France, Camille. I also met new people with whom I had a lot of fun! I hope Comenius students enjoyed those four days as much as I did!

During that time, we, as Greeks were the hosts, organized a four-day schedule in order to have a great time all together. I think that our goal was achieved!

Our Comenius friends enjoyed visiting archaeological sights as well as monuments. Moreover, they enjoyed the nightlife and the beautiful landscapes of Greece.

As far as people go, Comenius students enjoyed the extrovert characters, the Greeks are famous for. They are also famous for their hospitality and warm heart. It was obvious that the foreign students appreciated all these characters and had a great time being with us!

All good things thought come to an end. Unfortunately, our friends had to go back to their countries. The last moment with them and the farewell was emotionally really hard full of hugs and tears. I am very happy that met these wonderful people and shared beautiful moments with them! I want to say a huge thank you for all that unforgettable memories they left us with!

I miss you all!!

Aris T.

MY COMENIUS IMPRESSIONS!

This year for me was very special. I participated in the program of Comenius and I have to say that it was fantastic. At first I was nervous because my English weren't good and I was concern if the students could understand me. My visitor was Adrià from Spain and we had really good experience. The first day we met my friends in Evosmos and at the night we went to a cafeteria. The next day, in the morning we went to watch our presentations at our cultural center. Without my expectations I became friend with all the students. The third day we went to the museum of Vergina. The same evening we went to the Mall and we had a very great time. To avoid verbalizing these four days were my best! But I had to sleep for a week to replace my energy. It was a life experience that I will never forget! Even though I didn't expected we come too close with the students!

Athanasia T.

I believe there are not enough words to describe the feeling of being a part of this project. Excitement has filled our hearts and inspiration has conquered our minds. It was one incredible week with some friends that we might not see again but will never be forgotten. Alba, my Spanish girl, was welcomed in the family as a member of it. She felt like home right away. She liked the house, the food, the way of our living, the area and as she said Thessaloniki looks a lot like Valencia. She tasted a little bit of Thessaloniki's nightlife as all the other kids and she loved it. Also excited about the museums she visited and the things she learned.

At the very beginning every one in my family was so anxious about her coming but from the first day, we felt so comfortable and cool, as she earned us with her lovely smile. Her kindness and love for life makes her an amazing person! I think that we all learned something from this experience. We met new people and made friends, we call ourselves an international family since then. And, personally, the most important thing in life is to love and be loved and I think we achieved it.

Alexandros C.

First of all, I want to thank all those that organized and made this program possible because I met people from other countries like Spain, Poland, France and Italy and had a great time with them. The entire experience of the Comenius program was amazing. We all had a really good time talking and doing different activities together I will never forget all the international students that I met!

Meeting all the students in Thessaloniki, Greece, and offering my Spanish friend a place to stay was an awesome experience. I learnt a lot from him about his country and having him around was very interesting because I got to practice my English as well as learn a few expressions in Spanish.

I am very excited to be able to go to Spain and interact with the Spanish family that will offer me a place to stay. I am definitely looking forward to visiting Spain, meeting Spanish people and getting to know their culture from first hand. Specifically, I would enjoy visiting popular monuments and museums, but the most to meet nice people!!!

Vaitsa V.

The Comenius Project was one of the best experiences of my life. It gave us all the chance to meet students from other countries and eventually become very good friends, like a family.

The student that I hosted was Ana, a student from Spain and I was very happy to realize that Greek and Spanish people have so many things in common. She was such a sweet, lovely person and when she left, I really missed her... We had a great time all together and we wished that this experience could last more – not only 5 days.

Every day we tried to do something different, we went out together (we were about 36 students!!) and it was really interesting to talk with the foreign students, not only the Spanish, but also the French, the Polish, the Italian. We learned fascinating things about each country and we found out that although we are from different countries, we are all alike.

The last day, I went to the airport with the Spanish students and I'll never forget the memory of us crying and saying to each other: "I love you and I'll miss you". Now, we all see photos that we took and we can't wait for the time that we'll see each other again. I really want to thank the Comenius project for making us feel that way...

Antonia S.

COMMENTS ON OUR COMENIUS HOSTING IN GREECE

The Comenius programme gave to me an unforgettable five-day experience. It gave me a huge chance to meet people from other countries and make new friends.

I met very special people and now I consider them my second family. We spent a lot of time together and we really had fun. Also I learnt a lot of things about them, their culture and their habits. Furthermore the Comenius programme gave us the chance to practice the English language.

Those days, I hosted Alba a girl from Spain, I tried to show her a lot of things about the Greek culture and habits and help her to have a good time. I hope that she learned something new too.

Finally, I am so glad that I found a new “sister” and a new big family and I want all the people from the Comenius programme to know that I love them! On the other hand, I am so sad because all of them went back to their countries and my home is so empty!!! I hope to see them again in the future!!!

Fotini T.

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Those five days were enough to meet and become friends! Meeting new people, learning about their culture, their language is a perfect experience. On Tuesday (20/11), 18 people came from Spain, France, Italy and Poland in Greece. That day we went to a café and we all meet each other. We took a lot of pictures, we laughed a lot and we learned different words from each language. The other day we presented our projects in the morning and in the evening we went to the Mediterranean Cosmos, it is a shopping center, and there we played bowling. On Thursday we visited Vergina, an archaeological site, but in the evening we had a perfect time in the most famous club in Thessaloniki, which is called Vogue. There we danced all the time and we spent such a nice time that we didn't want to leave. The next day in the morning the Comenius students, but not the Greek hosts, went on a tour of our city and in the evening, as lovers of dance, we went to a small club, as farewell a party.

I think the Greek students as hosts were very good! We did our best and judging by what the children said and they believe the same! All students say they want to come back in the summer in Greece! If that is not good, then what is?

On the last day some of us cried, as we were all very sad. It is amazing that 36 students from five different countries, with different languages, religion and ideology can love each other and create a special friendship. Not all students have this chance to travel and to make friends from another country, that's why I feel lucky! I feel lucky that I took part in the Comenius programme and I had this unbelievable experience. I know it is difficult to meet all these guys again, for many reasons, but we will try!!! I hope that I will meet you some day again my brothers...!

Nikoleta P.

My experience with the students of the Comenius Program has been amazing!

It was the first time I participated in the project and I couldn't be happier about it. I had a Spanish girl as my guest-her name is Laura. We bonded right away. Actually everybody in my family loved Laura. She was like a new member in the family. We exchanged gifts and we took a lot of photos with my nephew. He is three years old and he became very fond of her, too.

All the foreign students were very friendly and kind. We learnt a lot of stuff about each other's culture, food, habits and interests and we realized that we have many things in common. We noticed that our food is very similar to the Italian.

We were glad to show our new friends around the city. We took them to the places, we hang out and they enjoyed our night life. We also went bowling.

They tried our coffee, frappe and our Greek fast food, gyros and souvlaki with tzatziki. We had a lot of fun together.

I was very sad when they left. We made some unforgettable memories and we will make sure we will keep in touch until we meet again. Now I am looking forward to visiting Spain and seeing some of my friends again.