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MY JOURNEY



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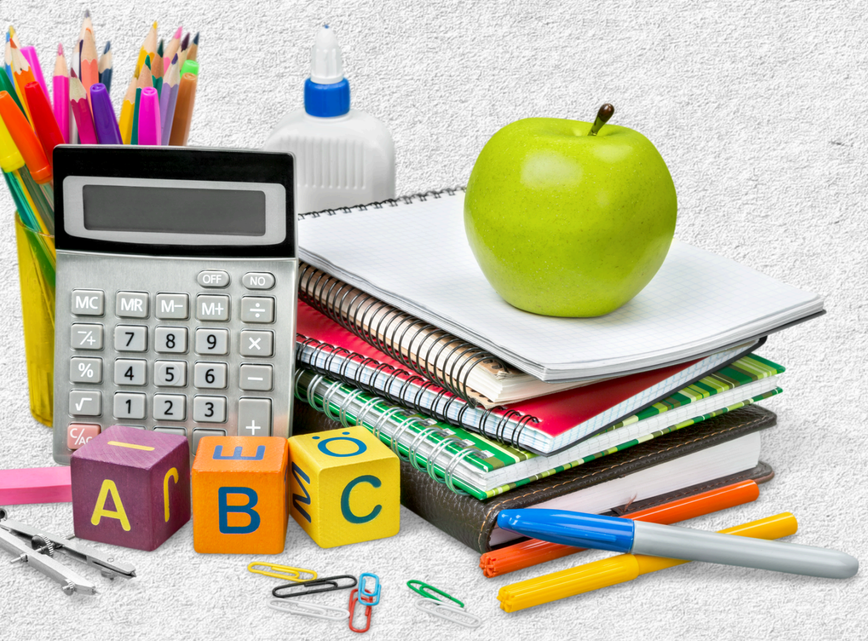
At this Erasmus project in Turkey, I gained valuable experience by working in a multicultural team and participating in various educational workshops. I improved my communication skills through daily interactions with international students and local organizers. The project focused on cultural exchange, teamwork, gamification in education and developing practical solutions to real-world issues.

FIRST DAY

We met the Turkish team who welcomed us with warm smiles and open hearts. Although we came from different countries, we immediately connected through our shared curiosity and excitement. The Turkish team introduced us to the country's rich history, customs, and traditions during an engaging cultural orientation. They prepared a traditional Turkish dance to greet us with and we also prepared with games about Europe, presentation and we shared some important things about Romanian culture. I learned about traditional food, famous landmarks, and the importance of hospitality in Turkish culture.

Also we tested our creativity in a traditional Turkish art workshop. I enjoyed it very much.

Later, we visited the Istanbul Aquarium.







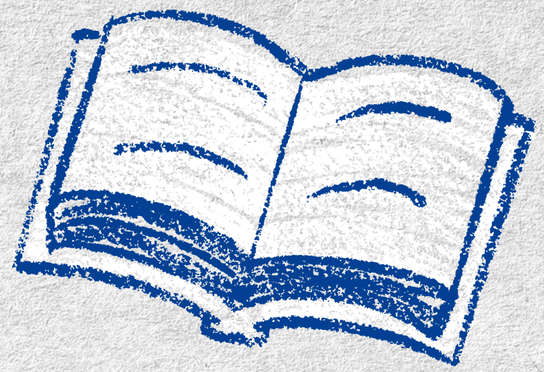





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SECOND DAY



We began the morning with a visit to the iconic Maiden's Tower, a legendary structure located on a small islet in the Bosphorus.
After that, we visited the Kite Museum, which was both educational and fun. We learned about the cultural importance of kites in Turkey and how they have been used for centuries in festivals and celebrations. The museum staff guided us through a hands-on kite-making workshop, where we built and decorated our own kites. It was a great opportunity to express creativity and work together as a team.
Later in the afternoon, we went to Çamlıca Hill, one of the highest points in Istanbul.
The day ended with traditional Turkish games




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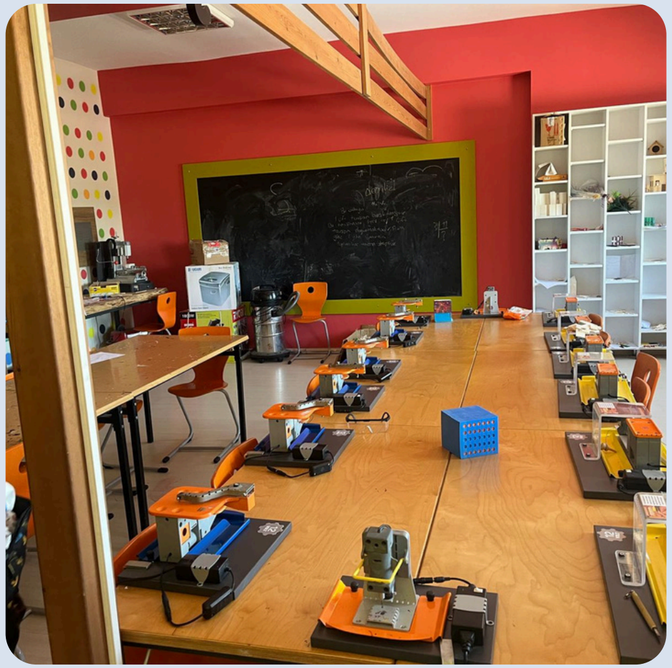
INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

We had the unique opportunity to join different classes to observe how the Turkish educational system works. We were welcomed by the teachers and students, and we had the chance to see how lessons are structured, how teachers interact with students. It was interesting to compare their approach to education with that of our own countries. I noticed that the teachers placed a strong emphasis on participation and practical examples, creating a dynamic and engaging learning environment. This part of the day gave me valuable insight into how education is shaped by culture and tradition.


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FOURTH DAY

This day began with an evaluation session. We reflected on the past few days, sharing our thoughts, feedback, and the personal growth we had already experienced.

After the evaluation, we took part in a very exciting activity: a treasure hunt game. Divided into teams, we had to solve clues, complete tasks, and explore different parts of the area to find hidden items.

In the afternoon, we visited two fascinating places: the Koç Museum and Miniatürk. The Koç Museum, dedicated to the history of transport, industry, and communication, impressed us with its rich collection of vehicles and machinery















FIFTH DAY

The final day of our Erasmus experience in Turkey was also the most emotional. In the morning, we took part in a creative and collaborative activity where we worked in mixed-country groups to design our own digital games, using the tools and skills we had learned throughout the week.
In the evening, we shared a farewell dinner filled with laughter, memories, and even a few tears. Saying goodbye to our new friends was not easy, but we promised to keep in touch and stay connected beyond this project. This Erasmus journey was more than just an educational experience—it was the most beautiful and unforgettable chapter of my life.





My first Erasmus+ experience in Turkey, part of the Create Future Gaming project, was one of the most enriching and unforgettable experiences of my life.

THANK YOU!

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