

# Report

I really enjoyed the learning mobility in Portugal. We got to know so many different cultures and ways of living. Of course, we made a lot of friends from Poland, Italy, Turkey, Portugal and Lithuania. We visited so many Portuguese landmarks and the use was combined with pleasure. It was useful that I fortified my language skills on English and even that I learned some Portuguese words. Also I developed my skills in Biology, History and Geography. Now I am going to describe what we have done through the mobility.

## ➤ **Day 1** – The first day in Portugal

- ✓ The students from all the countries met at the school and we did some ice-breaking board games. We met with all the foreign students and when the Portuguese teachers gave us T-shirts with the logo of the project, all the participants signed on them. One of the students performed us a little concert – they were playing on some traditional instruments looking like flutes. It was quite enjoyable and funny. After that we had lunch at the school.
- ✓ At the second part of the day we visited the largest indoor aquarium in Europe - Lisbon Oceanarium. We learned a lot of things about the fish for example how do they feed them, how do they make the water for the aquarium and how do they add new fish to the aquarium. It was quite interesting and it helped me with my Biology skills.



## ➤ **Day 2** – Lisbon and the river Tagus

- ✓ First we visited the Aqueduct of the Free Waters, which is a part from the system of catching and transporting water through the city in the past because Lisbon suffered most of the time from a lack of drinking water. It looked like an immense and very long bridge.



✓ After that we went to the Museum of Water. It was quite big ground, which acted as a reservoir of the water coming from the aqueduct. We climbed on the top of the building and from there we could see a panoramic view of the city of Lisbon. Then we went to have lunch.

✓ At the second part of the day we visited the Jerónimos Monastery, which is an example of a Gothic style. It is very high and it has quite interesting ornaments.

✓ Then we visited the Navy Museum, in which we learned all the navy history of Portugal – from the time of Vasco da Gama to the period of the Second World War.

✓ For the end of the day we went to the most famous pastry shop in Lisbon - Pastéis de Belém, and we tried the traditional dessert of Portugal - Pastel de nata (Cream cake).

➤ **Day 3** – Lisbon and the ocean

- ✓ First we visited the Mouth of Hell where we could see the waves crashing. There was an amazing view to the Atlantic Ocean. Then we went to Cabo da Roca, which is the most western point of Europe. The view was amazing again. We were very impressed by the height of the waves and we learned that in Portugal they are usually really high.
- ✓ For the second part of the day we went to the city of Sintra where we had picnic. Then we visited the Palace of Sintra which is the best-preserved medieval palace in Portugal. We saw some of the specific for Portugal mosaics and we got to know what the life used to be in the palace.



➤ **Day 4** – Like two bridges over troubled water

✓ First we crossed the river Tagus over the Vasco da Gama's bridge which is the longest bridge in Europe.

✓ At the first part of the day we went to visit Corroios Tide Mill. We learned how does the mill work and they even demonstrated us. We saw some different types of seeds and how do their flour looks like. Then we went to Cristo Rei which is high almost 80 meters and on the top of it is the statue of God. From there you can see a panoramic view of Lisbon. The statue brings a message of peace.

✓ Then we got back over the 25 de Abril bridge. The name of the bridge symbolizes the independence of Portugal.

✓ For the second part of the day we made a "walk" with the bus through the center of Lisbon.



➤ **Day 5** – The last day

- ✓ First we went to the natural reserve EVOA where we were watching birds. We learned many things about the birds and their behavior. It was my first time of birdwatching and I really enjoyed it.
- ✓ At the second part of the day we were presenting presentations about our schools, countries and towns. It was quite interesting to learn something about the motherlands of the other students. Then we got our Youth Pass documents and we had to say goodbye to everyone.

