

## ERASMUS+ FLORENCE MARCH-APRIL 2023

### "Creative Strategies for Language Teachers: Make it Easy, Make it Real!"

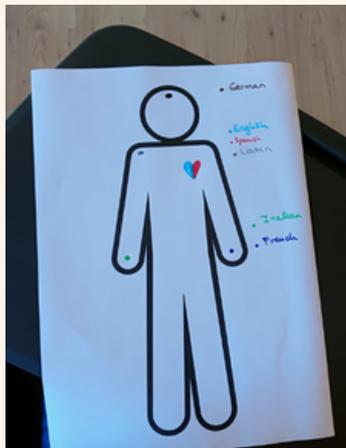
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Making language learning engaging for students is a difficult task, but this course provided me with the necessary knowledge to properly integrate various educational tools to support each student's learning style, thus fostering their motivation.

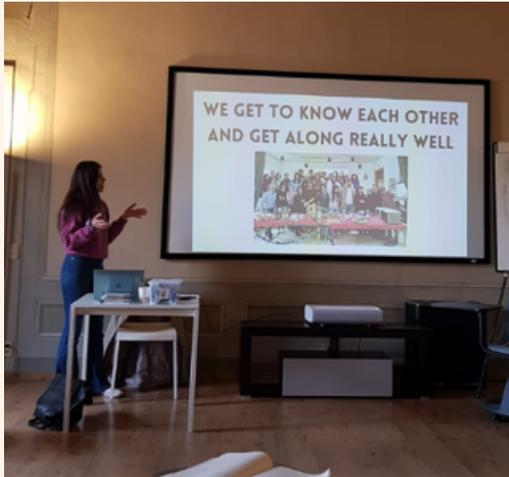
I had the opportunity to spend five days in the gorgeous city of Florence learning and sharing learning experiences with colleagues from Poland, Germany, Italy and Spain. In this enriching course, we learnt about different strategies that could be carried out in an ordinary classroom.

These strategies were not simply taught, but we were asked to actually put them into practice and to share our thoughts. In this way, the learning was meaningful.



Also, each strategy was intrinsically related to a learning theory. For example, we were taught about Gardner's multiple intelligence theory or the PERMA model. Taking into account this is a crucial step in both language learning and teaching.

The course was pretty much focused on digital resources and integrating ICT in our lessons. We were explained helpful apps and webpages to teach English as a second language. For example, TEDEd and National Geographic for education are great examples of already-made lesson plans on different topics. We also learnt about the app GooseChase to make scavenger hunts; or the YouTube channel Gonoodle.



We also had the chance to talk and learn about our schools and how the different educational systems work in each country. It's amazing to see how similar European schools are in certain aspects, such as subjects; but at the same time they totally differ in other aspects, as in timetables.

But... all good things must come to an end. Time flies when you're having fun and this is the perfect example. It has been a pleasure to take part in this project and come back home with the suitcase full of new ideas ready to be put into practice. However, we couldn't come back to Spain without trying the wonderful wines of the Italian Tuscany.



If you want to know more about this trip, scan the QR code to access a more detailed presentation.

