

Evaluation Letter from UnityEcho for the Erasmus+ Project: E=MC²

Dear ACPELIA Team,

I am writing on behalf of UnityEcho, French non-governmental organisation, to express our heartfelt gratitude and share the positive impact of the "Erasmus = eMpowering + partiCipation of youth in double (E=MC²)" youth exchange held in collaboration with ACPELIA. Being a part of this initiative has been incredibly beneficial for both our organization and the youth participants involved.

The youth exchange was hosted in Cyprus from November 1 to November 9, 2024. The project demonstrated excellent organization and communication from the pre-activity stage. The hosting venue, Hylatio Tourist Village in Pissouri, offered a conducive environment for learning and cultural exchange, complemented by well-planned logistics for meals, breaks, and accommodation. Pre-exchange activities, including online team preparations, effectively oriented participants and leaders, setting the stage for an impactful experience.

During the exchange, the program excelled in offering a structured progression of activities, from icebreakers and team-building sessions to cultural evenings and communication workshops. These activities not only encouraged cross-cultural understanding but also allowed participants to develop essential communication and teamwork skills. While the overall feedback was overwhelmingly positive, some participants suggested allowing more free time for informal exchanges to balance the intensive schedule.

The follow-up phase of the project also proved to be a significant success. Activities such as Café des Langues events, local presentations, and online dissemination through videos and social media extended the project's impact and visibility. These efforts showcased the project's added value in fostering youth participation and promoting the Erasmus+ mission.

The E=MC² project left a lasting impression on its participants, many of whom highlighted its transformative effect on their personal and professional development. Key outcomes included enhanced communication skills, greater appreciation for cultural diversity, and strengthened leadership capabilities. Participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect with peers from diverse backgrounds, leading to enduring friendships and professional networks.

While the project was a remarkable achievement, there are areas for potential improvement. These include increasing flexibility in the schedule, enhancing technical support for multimedia activities, and improving communication between facilitators and team leaders. Incorporating these adjustments would further elevate the quality and impact of future exchanges.

In conclusion, UnityEcho commends the exceptional organization, implementation, and outcomes of the E=MC² project. It stands as a testament to the power of international collaboration and youth empowerment, embodying the core values of the Erasmus+ program. We express our heartfelt gratitude to ACPELIA and all partners involved for their dedication and effort in making this project a resounding success. We look forward to future collaborations that build upon these experiences and continue to inspire youth engagement across borders.

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