

## **PORTUGAL MEETING – Erasmus Diary**

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#### **16th October Monday**

On the first day of the week, I was excited to meet my friends I had met in Lithuania. After breakfast we walked to school. When we arrived at the school, the Dutch professor welcomed us. Then we visited their school. Then we had lunch. I really liked the food. After lunch we shared our thoughts, experiences and feelings about this project. Then we worked on Arduino using a humidity sensor in groups. We exchanged information while doing these activities. It helped us to improve our English skills. When this activity was over, we had free time in Braga.

#### **17th October Tuesday**

It was rainy on Tuesday, but we walked to school after breakfast. When we first arrived at the school, we started with a presentation about Portugal's education system. Then we had lunch. After lunch, we were divided into groups of 4-5 students and we did some Arduino related activities. It was a bit boring but teamwork with students from other countries helped us a lot to improve our English. Then they showed us what they do at school like hand care, hair care. After the activities we visited Braga Park Shopping Center and returned to the hotel in the evening. 18th October Wednesday On Wednesday after breakfast we took an Uber to school because it was raining a lot. When they arrived, we took the bus to Guimaraes. After a 45-minute ride, we arrived in Guimaraes. First we visited the castle and then the historic city center. Here you can see well-preserved historic buildings everywhere. After spending some time here, we took the bus back to the University of Minho, where we visited the robotics workshop where the students gave us an interesting presentation. Then we went back to Braga and spent the rest of the day here. In the evening we went back to the hotel.

#### **19th October Thursday**

After breakfast again, we walked to school. Today we were supposed to go to Porto but because of the weather we decided to go to Porto on Friday. We did the activities we had planned for Friday today. We started the day with another presentation and after the presentation the school gave us gifts and certificates. Then I spent the rest of the day walking around Braga. For dinner we met all the other students at a pre-booked restaurant and had dinner there. After dinner we went to a billiards place close to the restaurant. We returned to the hotel before midnight.

#### **20th October Friday**

Today we left the hotel a little later than the other days. We walked to school. The bus was waiting for us in front of the school. So we got on it and set off for Porto. After visiting many historical buildings in Porto, we had lunch there. Then we took the bus back to Braga. I really liked Porto, there were historical buildings everywhere. We had dinner in a restaurant again and after a short walk in the streets of Braga we went back to the hotel and collected our luggage. It was very hard for me to say goodbye to this city.

***Deniz Çetin, Braga, October 2023***