



ERASMUS  
LATVIA

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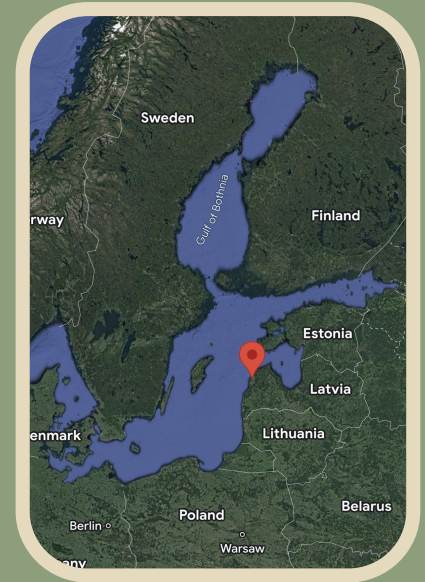
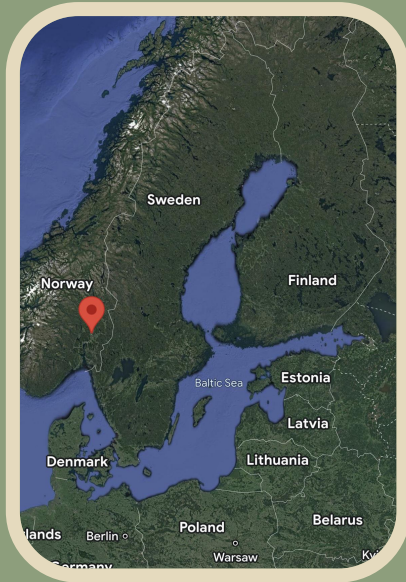
# I. INTRODUCTION

Pedreguer Secondary School continues with the mobilities programmed as a part of the Erasmus+ Beautiful as different project. This time, 6 students and two teachers traveled to Ventspils, Latvia, from 26th April to 2nd May where they took part in so many activities organised by the Ventspils Gymnasium No.1.





We first arrived in Oslo, Norway, then we flew to Riga, Latvia,  
and finally we drove to Ventspils



### 3. Videos (cultural barriers)

This mobility of the Erasmus+ project Beautiful as different had a motto “Cultural barriers”. Through short films filmed by each group of students of every country we accomplished our purpose of breaking the general prejudices towards other countries established by the ignorance of its traditions and culture.



Let's talk about each short film more precisely:

LATVIA

Showed its cultural wealth and presented a folk festival where thousands of people sing together. They also presented the main city, Riga, as a city full of details

BULGARIA

Tried to dismantle the clichés and stereotypes of their society showing what seemed a funny video that ended making the students reflect on how wrong were those beliefs

ITALY

Focused on the daily prejudices over the gypsy ethnicity inside the school through a performance that showed how a gypsy girl was bullied at school and how she got rid of the annoying comments forcing herself not to care about them anymore

SPAIN

Tried to show how the ignorance of certain cultural manners or costumes can lead us to embarrassing situations. They showed it through dramama. A silent performance



## 4. Our stay in Ventspils

# DAY 1

## WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL

### ● MORNING

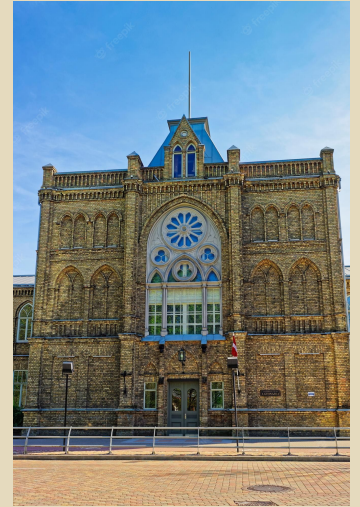
We arrived at the high school and were welcomed by the school choir. Then, we took a tour around the school and got lunch at a café.

### ● AFTERNOON

On that day, we visited Ventspils Castle for a lecture lesson about preservation of culture and history and about ancient costumes. We also played some ancient games like domino and tic tac toe.



Ventspils Castle



Gymnasium N°1



# DAY 2

## THURSDAY 28th APRIL

### ● MORNING

We went to the school and saw and discussed two videos that the participating countries had made.

### ● AFTERNOON

The first thing we did was a bus tour around the city. We visited one of the libraries and their artificial mountain. Then, we went to the house of crafts and learned about schools years ago. We had a class on maths and calligraphy. The last thing we did was a handmade souvenir, a pin.



# DAY 3

## FRIDAY 29th APRIL

### ● MORNING

The first thing we did was visiting the planetarium and observatory of the city. We saw a video about the universe and walked around the building. Then, we went to the school to watch the last video that a participating country had made.

### ● AFTERNOON

We went to the City Council to meet the mayor of Ventspils. Then, we visited the music school. Finally, they gave us our certificates and learned some folk dances.



# DAY 4

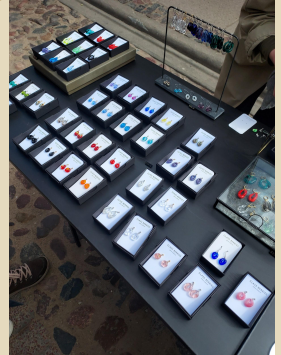
## SATURDAY 30th APRIL

### ● MORNING

That day we went to Kuldiga. When we arrived in the town, we visited the living museum. Then, we walked around the city. They were celebrating the Spring Flood Show. We walked through a market and saw some jumping fishes. Finally, we got lunch at a café.

### ● AFTERNOON

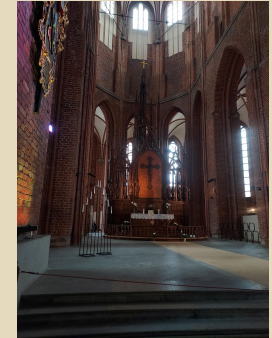
In the afternoon, we went to Alsunga's Gambler's Tavern and made a popular dessert. Then, we did a master class of latvian folk traditions. Finally, we went to Jurkalne and saw the Baltic Sea.



# DAY 5 (RIGA)

## SUNDAY 1st MAY

We left our hotel and drove around two hours to get to Riga. Then, we visited some important remarkable buildings and sight. We also met up with the bulgarian students and went for a walk. Finally, around twelve in the morning, we went to our hotel and went to sleep. The next day we returned to Spain.



## 5. What has the project brought us?

01

### FRIENDS

During our stay we met a lot of people who gave us a lot, we really hope to see them again

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### EXPERIENCE

This great project gave us a great experience that we will remember forever

03

### CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Apart from meeting people, we also learned about their cultures and traditions which we found very interesting

04

### VALUES

Mobility was also based on the values of respect, equality and friendship, these values created a great combination that we enjoyed to the fullest





## 6. CONCLUSION

This Erasmus trip has been a super exciting, truly interesting and very fun adventure.

Thanks to this project, we have been able to get to know a whole different country with beautiful cities, such as Ventspils and Riga, with remarkable buildings and monuments that have so much history behind them. We have also had the opportunity to be in touch with a different culture through students and other people that we met during our stay. Also, we got to know some teenagers with whom we became friends quickly.

We have achieved many of our objectives, and amongst them we have improved our English level. We have exchanged cultural knowledge with the other countries involved in the project too.

Definitely, we all agree that it has been an exceptional experience that we won't mind to do again.

# FUNNY PICTURES



# THIS IS OUR BELOVED LATVIA



**The best country if you don't care about getting a cold, you want to meet friendly people and visit interesting and innovative cultural places**

THE END

