

This year again we have experiences that we can give to classmates, friends, acquaintances and everyone we love

With a few lines we would like to recall our first Erasmus+ trip, which we didn't know so much about until now. In short, we couldn't imagine how so many experiences could be combined with work. We will try to write it down as it happened and share these experiences with you.

It started on Sunday 28 June 2017 before lunch, leaving from the Trnava railway station. There were 15 of us from classes III.T, III.DB, III.C and the teacher. We travelled to the Czech Republic to the youngest city Havířov in the Czech Republic for a professional practice within the Erasmus+ project as a second tour.



The whole project was funded by the EU. This time, our tour was staying in the hotel Zámochek in the city centre in a beautiful forest park. The train journey went by quickly, although we made a few changes, but still each of us couldn't wait to get there. We were really looking forward to this experience abroad since the beginning of the school year, because we knew that our first tour had been excellent in Olomouc. And actually, it was our first professional foreign internship. As we arrived at the station in Havířov, taxis were waiting to take us to our hotel. It didn't take long before we had a really tasty dinner ready. Then after dinner we got all the necessary information from our Czech partner Agamos and the teacher in the form of maps and a detailed description of the route to the internship site, which lasted 14

days. We have also received offers of possible optional trips for after-hours leisure time on weekdays and at the weekend. We worked in the different enterprises according to the roster prepared by the second project coordinator for the work experience in the agreed enterprises and according to a roster of at least two to three pupils.

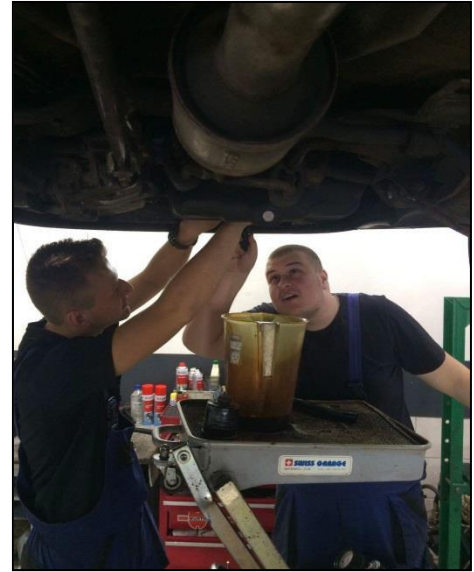
Name of pupil	The company and the mentor responsible
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We worked from 8.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in selected businesses. The content of our internship corresponded to the field of education in the school. In the daily work during the internship, we tried to apply the acquired theoretical knowledge, to learn the working regime, the working environment and we learned to work in a team of tribal employees, getting to know new people and especially their habits at work.

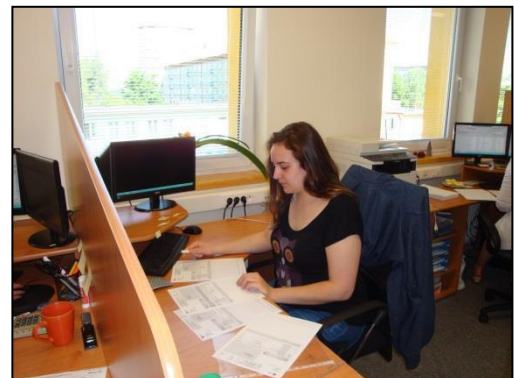
At DHL Express, we had the opportunity to work in the dispatching department, in the economic department and in the customer centre department. We worked with shipping documents, invoices, orders, we compared prices of orders for shipping services with the prices that were entered in the DHL system in the whole Czech Republic and then we carried out statistics of deviations. The employees were very nice, helpful, always willing to help. Most importantly, they had great patience with us explaining new things or information we didn't understand.

At Autochodura, classmates serviced various brands of vehicles such as Mazda, Volvo, BMW, Toyota, Citroen, Audi and others. There, they learned the necessary jobs from receiving cars, changing oil to handing over the vehicle to the customer.

In the Autodum Vrána service centre, the classmates worked with authorised Auto Škoda vehicles, where they carried out similar work as in the Autochodura company.



In PSV Invest, Account Professionál we processed accounting documents, scanned invoices, carried out statistical work, worked in the internal programs of the companies and in MS Excel.



I can't get enough of the accommodation in the green forest park in an ancient building with the perfect stylish furnishings. We had 2 suites, each with a bath and 2 - 3 bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms and toilets, WiFi internet access, hairdryer, liquid soap and shampoo as standard every day. We had a choice of 9 meals for breakfast, there were fresh crisp pastries, drinks such as coffee, tea and juice on the table. Dinner was also provided at the hotel. We could always choose from the two types of food and soups on offer.



Lunch was provided by a catering service in the businesses we worked in. We could also choose from several types of food on offer. We always slept soundly at the hotels after work. We talked to each other about our experiences at work, new information. The supervising teachers were actively involved in the discussion of the first experiences in the companies, where they also guided us a bit. Alternatively

The shortcomings were addressed immediately with the host organisation, but we don't even remember them being any major issues. As we mentioned, after a short rest we had an animation program every day, which we always chose the day before after dinner. We also used to go for short walks around town, shopping and places with lots of historical cultural sites. Here we would also like to highlight a few insights from the history ...

Havířov is a city of flowers, beautiful trees and a specific architectural style called Sorel. That's what it says in the professional publications, and that's what it was in reality when we got there. We were also fascinated to discover that it is the second most populated city in the Czech Republic. Everywhere the emphasis is on the quality of the environment. The town today has only its name in common with mining. The town is interspersed with parks, on the outskirts of which are the aforementioned forest parks adapted for recreation. Thanks to its location, Havířov is an ideal starting point for easy trips to the surrounding area, either on foot or by bicycle. No less interesting is the Havířov Chateau, where we stayed. To give you an idea, it is just a few metres from the town centre in a beautiful little park full of greenery. It was created by rebuilding a former 15th century earth fortress. As we searched further for something of the history, no less interesting is the fact that the castle is the venue for wedding ceremonies, silver, gold and diamond weddings, welcoming children into life, graduations and corporate parties almost every Saturday.

Over the weekend, we visited the headquarters of our foreign partner Agamos, who invited us for a barbecue. It was an unforgettable experience, because the program was enriched with a guided tour and horse riding under expert supervision. On Sunday we had a tour of the city of Havířov with lunch.



During the week we visited the Bowling Centre, where we also competed. Due to the weather deterioration during the second week we could not visit all the beauties of the area. The last few days were mostly spent looking for gifts and souvenirs for our families and friends.



We could go on writing, but we can confirm the words of the previous tour that it was super. We are glad that we were able to take part in this professional practice abroad within the Erasmus+ programme. Once again, the duo of coordinators together with the host company did not disappoint. Everything was conscientiously, professionally and even timelessly prepared, organised and provided to a high standard, both from the organisations where we worked, but also from our two vocational teachers who were involved in the project itself and responsibly supervised us during our free time. In short, if we had another opportunity to take part in a similar project we would go again. Maybe we will do it again

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has made it possible for us to participate in this Erasmus+ programme. We have experienced something new and unrepeatably

Janka and David