

Feedback Erasmus + BIP

Why did I apply for Erasmus+ BIP, why did I come to Hungary?

- I applied for the Erasmus+ BIP because I wanted to broaden my horizons, immerse myself in a different culture, and experience new ways of learning. Hungary, with its rich history, vibrant culture, and renowned educational institutions like the University of Debrecen, seemed like the perfect destination. I saw this as an opportunity to enhance my academic and personal growth while forming connections with peers from diverse backgrounds. Additionally, I was also looking forward to getting to know the school system in Hungary better. I wanted to find out more about how educational institutions such as kindergartens are equipped and how daily routines are organized.

What were my expectations?

- My expectations were based on two things: getting to know other cultures and therefore getting to know new people and getting to know educational institutions in other countries. These expectations were met and I am happy to be part of this project.

What did you do during your BIP at the University of Debrecen in Hungary?

- My focus was on meeting new people. Be it students from Hungary or Poland or getting to know new fellow students that I didn't know before. We also looked at many institutions and attended workshops and lectures from which I was able to take a lot with me. We were also able to take part in "planned leisure activities" such as the pub tour and the campus game, which were a lot of fun. In my free time we visited some restaurants, supermarkets and explored the city on foot. Sometimes students from Hungary were there too, and they told us a lot about the city and showed us some places.

The most memorable event(s)/feeling/impulse/meeting(s) etc.?

- The most unforgettable moment of the week was the "International Night" on Tuesday evening. We had the chance to introduce our country to the others and were also able to get an insight into Poland. The tastings and conversations that evening were the best part. The funniest thing were the dances that the Hungarian students taught us.

I've already shown them to my friends at home and they also found the dances really funny and cool.

Something that was surprising/shocking/funny for me?

- A surprising moment was when I found out that we have the same word for car in all three languages (Hungarian, Polish and German). It is spelled differently but the pronunciation is the same: >Auto<

I will never forget ...

- I will never forget the last evening when we were at a restaurant and talked about the week. We noticed how many funny moments the week had and we laughed to tears. The time went by so incredibly quickly, I would have loved to sit in the restaurant all night long to catch up with the others and capture the moments of the week.

Your friend wants to go on Erasmus+ BIP to the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs of the University of Debrecen. What would you tell him/her?

- If my friend expressed interest in participating in the Erasmus+ BIP at the Faculty of Education for Children and Special Educational Needs of the University of Debrecen, I would wholeheartedly encourage them to seize the opportunity. I would tell him that he will be warmly welcomed into the university and that hospitality is very important there. I would also recommend it if he is interested in getting to know educational institutions in other countries. Thanks to the clearly thought-out program, he can visit many new or well-known facilities and get an idea of how children are supported in their development in Hungary. I would also recommend it to him to improve his English. Due to the actual language barrier, we had to speak English for the week and I noticed for myself that I improved my English as a result and my self-confidence when speaking English also increased. And last but not least, I would recommend it to meet new people and possibly make new friends.