

“Man’s mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.”
Oliver Wendell Homes

Once people are exposed to new ideas, perspectives and experiences, change and growth unfold. There were so many valuable ideas that we shared during the Erasmus Project “Media Today-Watchdog or Slumdog?”, which took place between the 27th of March and the 2nd of April 2022, Oradea being the host city for this mobility stage of the project.

Change and growth can easily thrive in an enriched environment. For one week the environment was certainly rich given the multicultural mindset and background of the participants, both teachers and students, their intrinsic curiosity and enquiring open-mindedness. All the activities which occurred in this mobility were designed to actively facilitate and successfully foster interaction, dialogue, cooperation as well as to provide thorough understanding of the topic that this project presented us with.

There was a threefold balance which was achieved and maintained during this mobility stage owing to the students’ presentations of the research that they carried out prior to their arrival in Oradea, to the people who shared their expertise gained after having worked in the media for many years as well as to the leisure time which was spent in an intellectually and culturally rewarding manner. This mobility stage prides itself with a wonderful balance between the attention towards meeting the objectives of the project and maintaining the quality of the experiences that we underwent while visiting in Oradea: the City Hall, the Museum of Freemasonry, the Darvas -La Roche House, its Fortress and a TV/radio station. In addition, a wonderfully enjoyable day was spent in Turda, where we visited a magical Salt Mine, followed by an exploration of the traditional and modern features of Cluj-Napoca.

I would particularly like to emphasize the most significant aspects of this mobility stage: the joy, the creativity, the team spirit of the participants as well as their total involvement in the activities that took place during this week. This sense of enjoyment strongly supported the learning process, both formal and informal, which paved the way for valuable discoveries that were made by investing time, energy, attention in the activities scheduled and above all, by establishing and developing long-lasting friendships.

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