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Erasmus+ Mobility details	
Mobility dates	19/03/18 to 30/03/18
Place of Mobility	The Netherlands

Testimonial

Please provide a description of your Erasmus+ experience; please write in the first person. Testimonial will be used for dissemination purposes on the EUPA's website, social media and/or other means of communications.

Describe your Erasmus+ experience

My experience consisted of two weeks job shadowing work related to Maritime Spatial Plans (MSP) and the North Sea Spatial Agenda 2050, with the (Netherlands) Ministry for Infrastructure & Water Management and its implementing agency, Rijkswaterstaat. Together with a colleague from Malta we attended meetings and seminars with our peers from these organisations and with stakeholders for their input to the developing plans and strategies. We also joined in with lectures at the Institute of Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering and undertook site visits to coastal and inland water management features.

How did you feel before going on Erasmus+? Why did you choose to go?

I felt some trepidation before going on this 'Erasmus for Grown-ups' experience, as one of my hosts put it, because apart from the occasional lecture or conference I had not been on such a hands-on professional learning experience for many years and I was not sure what to expect. I still chose to go however, because I considered it a positive challenge for both my professional and personal development.

What were the best and worst moments of this experience? How do you feel they helped you?

It is easier for me to start with the worst moment, since there were only one or two 'not the best' moments. The Dutch are hard-working but easy-going and casual at the same time and I got used to dressing casually around the busy offices we frequented. But towards the middle of the second week we were sent to a meeting with Ministry officials, who we soon realized were quite senior and thought we were a high-level, not well-dressed, delegation from Malta! Their disappointment was a little awkward but the experience allowed us to inform these high-level officials about the Erasmus+ programme. The best moments were learning about the subject of the visit from the experience and work of our two main hosts. Their knowledge, attitude and

animation skills were admirable and learning from them was fun. And probably the very best moment was experiencing the science and latest (virtual and augmented reality) technology being used for the digital 'serious' game known as the Maritime Spatial Challenge.

What would you say to someone who is thinking about going on an Erasmus+ experience?

I would tell them I had found it to be an enjoyable, worthwhile, informative and formative experience, and I would strongly encourage them to go for it.

Insert any pictures that showcase your experience.





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