



An ERASMUS+ mobility in Sicily

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Descriptif :

Mobilité des élèves jardiniers paysagistes de l'EREA Théodore Monod de Saintes en Sicile.

About our students' ERASMUS+ mobility in Sicily...

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The two students did their **work placement** in different sites of **Danilo Dolci High School (“Istituto di Istruzione Superiore Statale Danilo Dolci”)** in **Partinico, a city near Palermo**. They were accompanied daily by a special needs assistant.

The **objectives** of this mobility were numerous : **validating the skills** of the professional frame of reference, **developing new professional skills**, learning to **integrate and adapt to new and unusual situations**, promoting the mobility and autonomy of students with special needs and, obviously, **practising English** as a resource language.

The two learners were able to put their knowledge into practice. For example, they **trimmed shrubs and hedges**.



They also **cut edges with a brushcutter.**



They **made plantations**. They thus gained new skills. Indeed they attended a course explaining **how to prune and thin olive trees** and then they proceeded to the pruning of the olive trees with the help of a teacher.



They also experienced tractor driving on a simulator.



They eventually validated the « **Europass Mobility** », a European document that lists the different activities and skills acquired during an internship.

In their free time, they visited Partinico, Borgo Parrini,



Palermo and its monuments classified as World Heritage by Unesco as well as the “Opera dei Pupi” (Sicilian puppets). **They also observed the celebrations of Saint Joseph and discovered the Mediterranean vegetation. They also tasted Italian food, of course.**



This stay was also **an opportunity to meet other young people** from the Sicilian high school, to **forge ties** and also to **start learning the Italian language**.



It was an enriching professional, cultural and human experience for both of them.

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