



## A work trip to Faro

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La Rochelle teachers on a trip to discover the Portuguese educational system - from Mrs Carine Daunas, LP Pierre Doriole.

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### *Descriptif :*

Voyage d'étude et de prise de contact d'une délégation rochelaise à Faro, Portugal.

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Between October 15 to 22, 2023, eighteen French education staff from La Rochelle and its surroundings had the opportunity to **fly to Faro**, Portugal, to **discover the Portuguese educational system**, to **visit companies** and **learn more about the Algarve culture**.

The "**La Rochelle CLEE**" (the "Local Council for Schools and Companies in La Rochelle") was initiated by Mister Frimont, the "Saint Exupéry" high school headmaster. The aims of this council are to **get to know the pupils and their school guidance**, the adequate structures to welcome them, while developing pedagogical practices as well as local and international exchanges. Our French coordinators were Rodolphe Damon, the Erasmus+ referent -he is a History and Geography teacher- and Florence Zornitta, who teaches English.

During this busy week, we visited six different schools (both high schools and professional ones). We learnt a lot about the **similarities and differences between our two countries**. The teachers who welcomed us were all **willing to develop school projects between our two countries**.



In the same way, the different **companies** which we visited were all **pleased at the idea of welcoming pupils from our school in the future**.

The **Algarve** region has proved to be a beautiful discovery, as we learnt that it is the ideal Portuguese region of slow cities, **promoting local sustainability**. For instance, we went on a solar-powered electric boat to visit the lagoon of Ria Formosa in Faro, which is a protected area for birds and fish.



This trip was incredibly rich, both from a professional and human point of view. We experienced the life our pupils would have there. We were very well accommodated and hosted by our local partner, WakeUp Projects



. It allowed us to enjoy an extraordinary time to **create contacts** between each other, be they Portuguese or French.