



CATANIA, SICILY

YES U2 – PROJECT 2023

Catania – Student journal

I met my host and her family for the first time. They were extremely nice to me and took me out to explore the city center of Catania. We visited a famous monastery where monks used to live, and I also got to learn that the city of Catania was built on top of the lava stones after the first big eruption in Etna. The monastery was incredible, and parts of it are now used as a university! We later drove to a pizza restaurant to eat dinner. After that I awaited a good night's sleep. The following day we met at the school of Leonardo da Vinci. We presented our personal-, school-, and academic presentations which we had been working on before the trip. I got to know many new people during this time. We then met up in the Catania city center for a photo scavenger hunt, taking pictures in different areas of the city. This was an effective way to explore Catania and a very fun day where I got to bond with lots of different people!

We drove to Galileo Galilei school the following morning. We then did our team-building activity for the academic presentation, and I believe it was a huge success! We also had an innovation camp, where we discussed how to promote responsible mobile- phone use at school.

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We also went to Siracusa. We were instructed by a guide, who told the history behind the caves and the Amphie Theatre. We went to Ortygia and Plaza Duomo! We met up for a gathering in the evening to say our final goodbyes. It was a nice ending to the project.

The last day was departure day. We all met up at the Galileo Galilei school, talked and had a good time together before the delegations had to leave one by one. Over 60 people formed a unique connection through this project, and it was painful to leave so many new friends behind. Especially my host whom I have now become great friends with. I would not trade that for anything.

- *Love from the Norwegian delegation: Ioanna, Maren, Malena, Aysha and Eirin*

The Yes – U2 project to Catania was rich in both experience, culture, and connection.

“An incredible trip, with incredible people”

“I encourage anyone who can host to be part of Erasmus+ projects. It is not only because of the places we go, but the people we meet along the way!”

“This is definitely an experience I will cherish forever!”

