



Radio SanJoSerena presents:

An Erasmus Exchange Experience
(this is the transcript of the podcast).



Maria

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Hi! My name is María Martín-Porro and I am here today as a witness to a very enriching experience. Our school is taking part in the Erasmus + programme, a European project that promotes the education and training of young people.

Between the 15th and the 26th of January 2023, ten students from the Nell-Breuning Berufskolleg in Frechen, Germany, visited us in Villanueva de la Serena.
Our stay in Germany completes the 22/23 exchange.

On the last day of their visit, our German friends visited Radio SanJoSerena and answered some questions about their stay in Villanueva de la Serena.
Have a listen and find out what they liked best about their Erasmus experience in Spain. But before that I have some questions to test how much you know about European institutions and organisations. QUESTION 1: How many countries make up the European Union? And —here's a tough one— QUESTION 2: What is the difference between the European Council, the Council of the European Union and the Council of Europe? I will reveal the answers later in the podcast.

Here are the interviews

Natalia S

This is Natalia, I'm Spanish and I want to ask Laila a question. How would you describe your Erasmus exchange experience in general?

Laila

I'm Laila. I would describe it as interesting and you get new experiences.

María M-P

It's Maria, I'm from Spain and I would like to ask Lea a question. This is my question: Was the language a barrier to communicate with people?

Lea

Hello Maria, thank you for the question. Yes, sometimes a little bit because I didn't know all German words into English and sometimes had a very bad feeling that I couldn't understand if the Spain people speak together.

Marilia

Hi, my name is Marilia. I'm from Spain and I'm going to ask Karim. Was the language a barrier to communicate with Spanish people?

Karim

Hey! My name is Karim, I'm from Germany. I actually speak just a little bit Spanish but the best language that you can communicate with each other is the English language because the English language is the world's language and it's easier to understand each other. And perhaps if we cannot understand each other in the English language, we can use some other words in German or in Spanish too that we can to understand each other.

Natalia N

Hi! I'm Natalia, I'm Spanish and I'm going to ask a question to Theresa. So, did you get to learn some Spanish?

Theresa

Here's Theresa, I would say not really Spanish but mostly we learnt a lot of English here.

Carmen

Hi, I'm Carmen and I wanted to ask Tuana a question. Did you get to learn some Spanish?

Tuana

Yes, un poco!

Telmo

Hi, I'm Telmo. I'm Spanish and I'm going to ask my German partner, Maurice, if it was easy to find and buy things you needed.

Maurice

Hello, my name is Maurice. I'm 17 years old and I'm from Germany. And I think to find some things in Spanish is not that difficult because here also things are very cheap.

José Manuel

Here's José Manuel from Spain and I would like to ask Jan a question. So Jan, what was the biggest difference in how people live there compared to here?

Jan

There's some weird things for me here in Spain, like that people will wear their shoes inside the house, which is a deadly insult in Germany. How quickly and loud they talk. Sometimes I thought as if Spanish people were fighting, but actually they're just having normal conversations.

Carmen

And Tuana, what was the biggest difference in how people live there compared to here?

Tuana

That they don't have a heater at their home just one that you can transport.

José Manuel

What surprised you the most?

Jan

Well, I was definitely surprised to how friendly and welcoming the Spanish people are here and that I actually managed to make some friends over here.

María M-P

What surprised you the most here?

Lea

It surprised me a lot of things, but I saw a lot of things that are different to Germany I think, like the food or the school life and the school day.

Claudia

Hello, my name is Claudia, I'm from Spain. I would like to ask Chiara. What surprised you the most?

Chiara

That the Spanish people eat so lately,

Claudia

This is Claudia and I would like to ask Sofija the following question: What was the best thing you ate on your trip?

Sofija

Thank you for your question Claudia. The best thing I ate on my trip was empanada, I really liked it.

Marilia

What was the best thing he ate on his trip?

Karim

The best thing I ate here in Spain is morcilla and all of the things I have eaten here in Spain, for example, paella and... morcilla is very delicious!

Miguel

Hello, my name is Miguel. I'm sixteen. From Spain. And I will ask Sebastian what was the most enjoyable or relaxing part of your trip?

Sebastian

Hello, my name is Sebastian. I'm from Germany and the most relaxing part of my trip I think is the heat under the table because it's such a relaxing thing.

Natalia S

Ok, Laila. I want to ask you another question. What advice would you give someone visiting for the first time?

Laila

I think they should learn Spanish because the most people are not good in Spanish... in English!

Telmo

Maurice, what advice would you give someone visiting for the first time?

Maurice

Especially for German people: Don't be shy! Spanish people are very heartfelt and nice to everybody, so don't be shy and just enjoy the time here!

Claudia

Great Sofija. So, my next question is: Would you come back?

Sofija

Thank you. Of course I would come back. So now I know a lot of places to visit. I would be a pleasure to show them to my family and friends.

Natalia N

So, would you come back?

Theresa

Yes, I would like to come back because the people here are so nice and Villanueva is a very pretty city.

Claudia

Chiara, would you come back?

Chiara

Yes, maybe. But then with my parents.

Miguel

Sebastian, if you'd like to come back, what do you want to do the next time you visit Spain?

Sebastian

If I come back I was thinking about to visit the countryside, especially the countryside from your family again and if it's possible

Maria

It's now time to bring this podcast to a close. But before we finish... Let's reveal the answers to my questions.

How many countries make up the European Union?

And the answer is 27.

What is the difference between the European Council, the Council of the European Union and the Council of Europe?

The European Council and the Council of Europe are main EU institutions. The European Council makes decisions about the European Union's political directions. It is made up of the heads of state or government of every Member State. The Council of the European Union's main role is to make laws. It is made up of government ministers from all Member States. Now, The Council of Europe is not an institution of the European Union. It is an organisation made up of 46 countries. Formed after world war II to promote Human Rights, democracy and the rule of Law throughout Europe.

And we thank the Council of Europe for letting us use these awesome versions of the European anthem we bring you here today. Check them out in their website!

We'd also like to thank our teachers, parents and every single person involved in making this experience possible. We love it! Europe rocks!!!!

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