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Participating in the Erasmus+ mobility in Aveiro, Portugal, was a meaningful and enriching experience for the accompanying teachers, offering both professional inspiration and personal growth. Through the project "Art is Green," the mobility created a unique opportunity to explore how education, creativity, sustainability, and intercultural cooperation can come together in practice.

For some of the teachers, this was their very first experience in a European exchange programme, making the journey even more special. It was an opportunity to meet colleagues from different countries, observe other educational systems firsthand, and exchange ideas about teaching methods, school life, and the everyday realities of education across Europe. For others, it was a continuation of previous Erasmus+ experiences, once again confirming the value of international collaboration and lifelong learning.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the mobility was watching students work naturally in mixed international teams. Despite differences in language and background, they communicated through creativity, teamwork, and shared enthusiasm. It was inspiring to see young people connect so easily, transforming art into a common language that promoted inclusion, environmental awareness, and mutual respect.

The programme in Aveiro combined educational activities with cultural exploration, allowing participants to discover the beauty and identity of Portugal. From the city's canals and coastal landscapes to its museums, traditions, and rich artistic heritage, every visit reflected a country where history and modernity coexist harmoniously. The use of art and technology as tools for wellbeing and inclusion was especially powerful and aligned perfectly with the aims of the project.

What remained strongest in the teachers' hearts was the extraordinary hospitality of the Portuguese hosts. Their warmth, care, and dedication made every participant feel welcome and valued. They created an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation that turned the mobility into much more than an educational visit—it became a truly human experience.

The Erasmus+ project "Art is Green" reminded everyone involved why such programmes are so important. They broaden perspectives, build bridges between cultures, and give both students and teachers the chance to grow beyond the classroom. The participants returned home not only with memories and photographs, but with new ideas, stronger connections, and a renewed belief that education can shape a more inclusive and sustainable future.