

### What is Erasmus+?

- a European Union program that supports international cooperation in the fields of education, training, youth and sport;
- its purpose is to raise the quality of education and training;
- it enables cooperation between institutions providing education and training;
- individuals acquire various personal and professional skills and competencies through their activities, and undergo practical training abroad;
- it enables participants to gain knowledge, skills and experience that bring added value to their education or work at home;
- it enables institutions to acquire new knowledge, learn about working methods that raise the quality of their work and the ability for international cooperation.

### What did the students and accompanying teachers gain from participating in the Play & Speak project?

- we learned about different methods and forms of work with preschool children and got to know new approaches to teaching verbal and non-verbal communication in the preschool period;
- depending on the age and different needs of children, we promote suitable communication, supported by a variety of nursery rhymes, counting games, word games, etc.
- we are able to transfer our ideas into authentic situations in kindergartens during our practical training
- we integrate the acquired knowledge of a foreign language into routine activities in kindergartens;
- we have adopted examples of good practice and implemented them into annual work plans for professional modules.
- we know how to overcome language barriers and maintain friendly contacts in all partner countries.

### Partner organizations:



III. gimnazija Maribor Secondary school is one of the oldest Slovenian grammar schools. Students are educated in the general secondary program, sports department and pre-school education. We participate in various national and international projects with a vision of a successful path to life and sustainable knowledge of students. With the mobility of students in the pre-school education program in kindergartens abroad, we are also opening up opportunities for our students to enter the European labour market.



Language in Your Hands, England, works to educate and research pre-school learning practices. They are mainly engaged in research in the field of early childhood learning and the transfer of examples of good practice between countries.



Your International Training is an organization in Ireland. It promotes and manages projects that help professionals to work in the field of school education with the aim of seizing opportunities to develop language skills and improve professional qualifications.



Universal Mobility, Spain, is one of the largest organizations for international exchanges. They pay special attention to multiculturalism in order to improve language skills of mobility participants, and actively participate in their involvement in work processes.



EU mobility, Poland, devotes its work to education and training to improve employment skills, personal fulfilment and professional development. They encourage and actively participate in social inclusion in the field of interculturality.

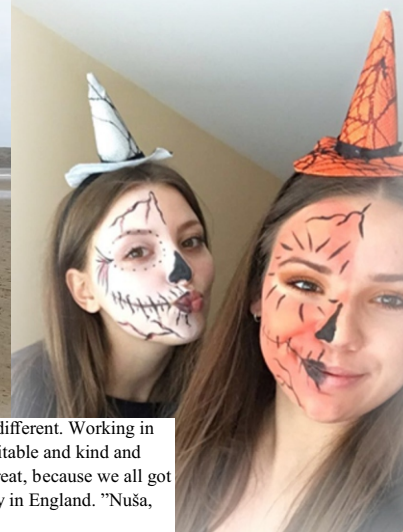


## Erasmus+ KA102: Play&Speak (2019–2022)



In three years, 32 students from the pre-school education program and eight accompanying teachers participated in the mobility.



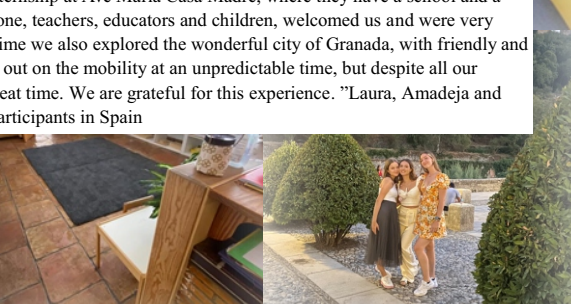


"Kindergartens differ greatly from ours in Slovenia, as children are freer and the work is based on Montessori pedagogy. We had the experience of working with children of different nationalities. We connected strongly with the families. We will remember Ireland for its open people, good food, friendly educators and energetic children." Sergej and Aljaž, mobility participants in Ireland

"My impressions are positive as I have seen a world that is different. Working in kindergarten was different, great. The family was very hospitable and kind and complied with our every wish. Our group of students was great, because we all got along and had a good time, which also enriched our mobility in England." Nuša, mobility participant in England



"Going to mobility started our two unforgettable weeks when we travelled to Granada, Spain. We had an internship at Ave Maria Casa Madre, where they have a school and a kindergarten. Everyone, teachers, educators and children, welcomed us and were very helpful. In our free time we also explored the wonderful city of Granada, with friendly and open people. We set out on the mobility at an unpredictable time, but despite all our worries, we had a great time. We are grateful for this experience." Laura, Amadeja and Rebecca, mobility participants in Spain



"For us, mobility in Poland has been one of the most beautiful and instructive experiences, so we are extremely happy to have been able to attend. We gained a lot of new experience by doing internships abroad. Of course, we have also become more independent and responsible. Together with my classmates and professors, we made unforgettable memories and we will never forget these two weeks. We are very proud to have been chosen as this is a unique opportunity. Mobility will remain an unforgettable experience." Melanie and Karla, mobility participants in Poland

