

# CYPRUS

Larnaca | Vavatsinia | Nicosia

## Place and date

From 5th till 13th of May 2015 I had a chance to participate in an international project which was undertaken by OTI (One Terrain International) in Vavatsinia, Cyprus.

## Countries

Young people from Poland, Greece, Cyprus, Romania and Hungary were involved in the project. Cooperation in international teams broadened our horizons and enabled us to get to know different cultures.

## Experiences

During the project I learnt that communication plays a key role especially during team work. It is necessary to hear people out and consider all the solutions. For smooth job in a team you have to divide tasks according to people's abilities so that everyone is responsible for their part. Dialogue is basic and we should not run away from it. Even though sometimes it is hard to understand others we must not give up.

## Selfie job



After some chaos which was connected with a trip to Cyprus we finally found each other at the airport in Larnaca and we managed to get to Vavatsinia where we were warmly welcomed by the organizers. We were surprised by the fact that we all were going to stay in one building. Despite the fears it turned out that after implementing some rules it was possible to leave there together (about 30 people or even more) and sometimes it was even funny. For me personally it was not so important because we spent most of the time outside or in another building. It was a bit worse in the evenings when some people wanted to sleep but after some time we got used to it. I was surprised that I never had to wait in the queue to use the bathroom considering that there were quite a lot of people and 4 bathrooms. Unfortunately





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It was my first project so it is difficult to compare it with others. Generally I am really happy that I could participate in the project, that I could cooperate with people from different countries and that I had a chance to visit such places. The location of this project was really well. This island is beautiful, full of hidden places and the views are breathtaking. In freetime we could walk in the mountains and get to know with the locals. It is a pity that during trip to Nicosia we did not go to the city center because that was what the majority expected. Unfortunately, I have to mention food here which despite cooks' effort left much to be desired. Breaks were had perfect timing so that everyone could rest a bit and recharge their batteries after they have done some tasks. The fact that there was no internet did not bother me at all. We could always go to taverna if we really needed it. Some "lack of civilisation" is nice sometimes :)

My favourite part were culture nights when every country was presenting their traditions, food, national dances and some curiosities. It was a pleasure for the soul and for the body.

sometimes it was messy in the bathrooms even though the cleaning lady was coming to tidy up. Every participant was provided with a blanket and a pillow. We had been informed before that we needed to bring our own sleeping bags or beddings which was not a problem for me. Every day during the project looked quite similar but daily we dealt with



different issues connected with the topic of the project. There were discussions in the circle, team work in international teams and also time for ourselves to sum up the whole day and write down some thoughts.

There were also team building games which enabled us to get to know each other better. I think that so many people from one country was not good idea because sometimes people integrated within their national teams instead of meeting new people. Among other things we were asked to: create a magazine for young businessman, record a short movie or an advertisement connected with employment or with problems young people face at the early stage of their careers or behaviours during job interview. I learned how to write a good CV and what are the jobs which are highly demanded in other countries. Team work taught me a lot. I also met very interesting people which changed my way of thinking. I got new knowledge and I hope I will use it in the future.