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Welcome to this new edition of the EURHOPE Project newsletter.

Children's Voices at the Heart of EURHOPE Project

EURHOPE is a European project that involves young people living outside their families in activities focused on participation, dialogue, and European citizenship, supported by positive adult role models. Its main objective is to give a voice to children through active citizenship and positive relationships, empowering them to participate in decisions that affect their lives and communities.

As part of the EURHOPE activities, we invited the children who participated in the project to share their thoughts and experiences. Their responses provide a genuine insight into the impact that the project has had on them.

Q1: What did you like most about the EURHOPE project?

The children particularly enjoyed activities that allowed them to participate actively and express themselves creatively. Among their favorite experiences were filming the project movie, taking part in a simulation of a municipal council meeting at the City Hall, as well as the various games and group activities.

Many participants also highlighted how much they enjoyed learning about Europe and gaining valuable knowledge about everyday life and social responsibility, such as protecting the environment and respecting shared spaces. They appreciated the opportunity to spend time together, discuss different topics, and exchange ideas with one another.

Q2: What does it mean to you to have your voice heard?

The children's responses showed how important it is for them to feel that their opinions matter. They explained that being heard makes them happy, helps them feel part of a community, and reassures them that people genuinely care about what they have to say.

For some minors, having their voice heard means, being able to raise their hand, speak up, and be listened to, with interpretation support when needed. Others emphasized that it gives them confidence, helps them express themselves more clearly, and makes them feel that they can contribute to making the world a better place.

Q3: What will you take with you from this experience?

Most participants said that they will remember the people they met through the project: the adults, the other children, and the meaningful conversations they shared.

The new friendships they formed, the movie filming experience, the games, and the activities were among the memories most frequently mentioned. Many children also said they would carry with them the communication skills they developed and the experience of participating in meetings where they could speak freely and express their thoughts and feelings.

Q4: What new things did you learn about Europe?

Through EURHOPE project, the children learned that Europe is interested in listening to their voices and encouraging their participation in matters that affect them.

They also discovered that Europe offers opportunities for travel and mobility, learned new concepts and values that are important in everyday life, and gained a better understanding of what it means to be part of the European community. Many participants simply stated that they learned many new and valuable things through the project.

Q5: One word that describes EURHOPE

When asked to describe EURHOPE in a single word, the minors chose:

Justice – Solidarity – Inclusion

These words reflect the core values of the project and the importance of ensuring that all children, regardless of their background or country of origin, feel included and respected.

The children's testimonies confirm that when young people are given opportunities to express themselves, participate, and be heard, they develop important skills, build meaningful relationships, and feel empowered as active members of society.

EURHOPE reminds us that every young person needs to feel heard, involved, and part of the European community.



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