



*Mobility week between Turin, Racconigi, Savigliano and Manta – Italy- for 17 young Europeans of the Digicult project.*

The Erasmus+ Digicult project promoted by the Association Le Terre dei Savoia di Racconigi in cooperation with eight partners, six of which are from other European countries, is in its crucial phase.

In fact, the project aims to provide vocational training students with a new **learning and training** opportunity, **focused on cultural heritage, that is** attractive after the difficult period of the pandemic. Promoting digital skills and fostering synergy between the cultural sector and digital education are the main aims of the project.

In fact, a large group of young people from the partner countries is following an innovative **experimental learning pathway** implemented by the partnership, which has worked on the investigation of the most suitable methodologies to make it innovative and attractive: participative lessons, multicultural environment, new technologies for displaying content, and experiential activities are some of the aspects that make this educational test *unique* in its kind.

Encounter, confrontation, mutual knowledge always remain a pillar of the Erasmus + programme activities and Digicult saw the confirmation of this principle in the **student mobility event** that just ended on Friday 16 June 2023.

The five-day activity in Turin was attended by 17 students from **Cyprus, Croatia, Lithuania, Ireland and Italy**. The students had the opportunity to get to know each other and experience together the authenticity of a new and unprecedented training course.

When the **Strategy Paper**, produced after the first project phase, called for discussion groups in a multicultural learning space, interactive learning activities, sharing of experiences, the partnership undoubtedly did not yet have an awareness of the power of this cultural mix.

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The five days of mobility in Turin at CIOFS - FP Piemonte brought all this to light. The students, who attended the **pilot course** developed in the second phase of the project, had an experience without any language or cultural barriers.

The first day was the opening moment with the presentation of the planned activities by **FAI**, the introduction of the participants with activities to involve and get to know each other, and discussion on the learning methodology. On the second day, with the organisational participation of the **Le Terre dei Savoia Association**, the activities were transferred to the Royal Castle of Racconigi in the morning with a formal welcome by **Annalisa Allasia** - Councillor of the Municipality of Racconigi - and, in the afternoon, to the Múses - European Academy of Essences in Savigliano with a heartfelt welcome by the Mayor **Antonello Portera**. On the third day, the students went to Manta Castle where they were welcomed by Mayor **Paolo Vulcano**. Here the **FAI** provided a unique experience, immersing the students in the historical atmosphere with costumes and activities that strongly contributed to creating a united and compact group. The rest of the week was then spent between activities at the **CIOFS** offices in **Turin** and visits to museum sites in the provincial capital according to an organisation that was able to bring together interest in cultural heritage and cooperation among the participants.

The closing of the week made it clear how successful an **innovative approach to knowledge and training** of cultural opportunities is. In fact, the group of young people showed an uncommon momentum of participation and action: culture unites in diversity, represents a crucial node of resilience, an element of professional growth that, combined with the new digital realities, constitutes an element of strength and restart.

*"We are confident that this week of mobility between Turin, Racconigi, Savigliano and Manta has raised the awareness in the young people who took part that choosing cultural heritage as a pathway to professional growth is a real opportunity. Doing it with an innovative approach makes the landscape of action attractive, transforming it into a space of great creativity,"* commented the Director of the Association Le Terre dei Savoia **Elena Cerutti** at the close of the proceedings.

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