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Job Shadowing in

Camilo Castelo Branco School Group, Portugal

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Participating in the Erasmus+ job shadowing program in Portugal was a deeply enriching professional experience. Over five days, we had the opportunity to observe how they equip their three- to six-year-olds with skills and knowledge that will serve them as they venture into life. These will allow them to acquire better skills such as critical thinking and creativity.

Key highlights included visiting Lagoa and Seide kindergartens, where we witnessed the power of outdoor learning in organic gardens and forests. These environments clearly stimulate curiosity and problem-solving as the kids were given real tools to explore and create.

The school follows the Reggio Emilia approach where the children are capable, curious, and resilient learners who construct their own knowledge through interactions with their peers, teachers, and the world around them.



Furthermore, our time at the Educational Resource Center (CRE) provided vital insights into inclusive practices, specifically regarding specialized support for students with ASD and ADHD through tools and specialised rooms.

The programme also emphasized the importance of sustainability via the Eco-Schools framework and the value of strong family-community partnerships where the children are taught to greet the community as they walk outside of their schools, they set up the table for everyone, and they clear everything after they finish.



We return to Malta with practical strategies to enhance our inclusive teaching and a renewed commitment to innovative, digital methodologies. This exchange has successfully broadened our European perspective on early years education, ensuring we can better support every learner in our care.

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