

ERASMUS TEACHING MOBILITY REPORT BETWEEN ANKARA UNIVERSITY (Ankara/TURKEY) AND HOCHSCHULE RHEINMAIN UNIVERSITY (Wiesbaden/GERMANY)

I am from Ankara University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Social Work in Turkey. I made a presentation on "Refugees In Turkey With Different Dimensions" within the scope of Erasmus teaching Mobility at Hochschule Rheinmain University of Applied Sciences at 17 May, 2022. Turkey is the country that hosts the most immigrants in the World. I wanted to share practices and experiences related to immigrants in Turkey with students and professors in Germany. Because Turkey sent migrant workers to Germany in the early 1960s, there is a strong bond between the two countries. There are large numbers of immigrants in both countries. For this reason, I thought it would be functional to share information about refugees in Turkey. Thanks a lot to Hochschule Rheinmain University of Applied Sciences for accepting and inviting me. I hope my presentations are useful.

It was a very useful experience for me. First of all, during the correspondence before coming to Germany, Erasmus Office staff, Dear Sandra Holtgreve, Dear Alicia Buck, Dear Eva Bauer and Dear Professor Davina Höblich, displayed a very accepting and very understanding attitude, sincere reply message to each of my questions. This put me at ease. When I came to school, they gave me both an office and a laptop for me to work. This was a great opportunity for me to complete my preparations.

On the first day, we visited the non-governmental organization (NGO) working with women immigrants. Dear Alicia Buck accompanied me. We had conversations with service providers there. There were also 2nd generation Turkish origin people who came to Germany as workers. This was important because they themselves had experienced immigration. I would like to thank the school and the NGO because I gained new information.

The next day I had two presentations. My presentations organized by Prof. Davina Höblich. I was excited to be presenting in a foreign language, in a foreign country. Prof. Davina Höblich was extremely helpful, she was a good host. The first presentation was for graduate students and face to face classroom setting. The second presentation was made as a hybrid open to all faculty students and faculty members. In the first presentation, there was a 3rd generation student of Turkish origin. She translated the parts that I had trouble explaining. I would like to express my endless gratitude to dear Filiz. She accepted my offer to be in the second presentation and showed the same help in the second presentation. For accepting Filiz for the second presentation, thank you Prof. Davina Höblich. Moreover Prof. Davina Höblich did not leave me alone in social activities after the presentations. I also thank her for this. In both presentations, participants asked questions and shared practices in Germany. I was pleased that it was an interactive presentation. I would also like to thank all the students and faculty members who participated in my presentations.

As a result; It was a very useful visit for me. For this, thanks a lot Prof. Davina Höblich, to all Erasmus Office Staff (Dear Sandra, dear Alicia, Dear Eva and others), and the students who supported me (Dear Filiz). I will suggest students and faculty members at my university to come to your faculty. I invite you to come to my university and faculty. I sincerely hope that our cooperation will continue.

Best regards.

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