

Insights of the Turkish meeting regarding Digitalization



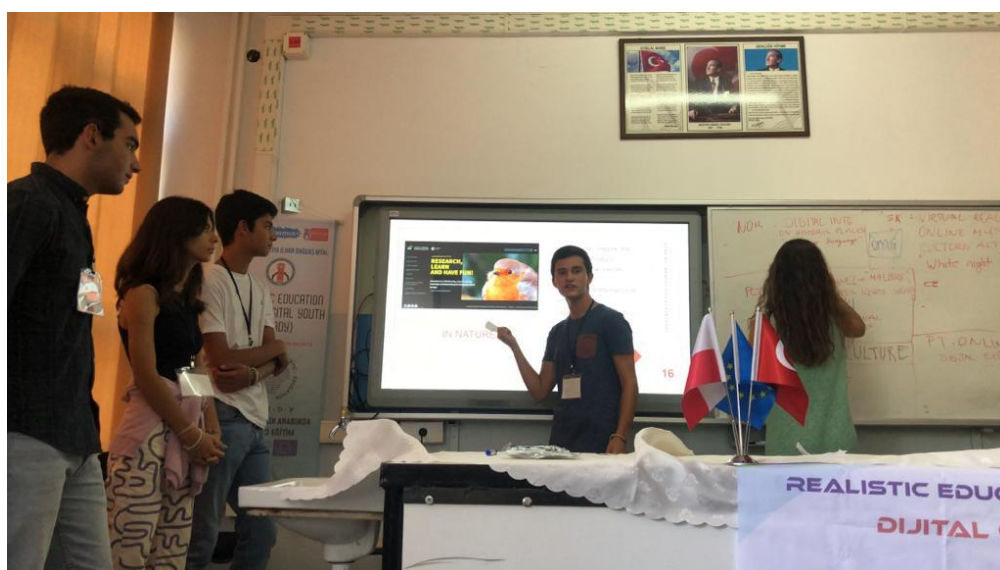
During our Erasmus Project Meeting in Turkey, we got the chance to discuss and approach several topics regarding digitalization. One of them was “How does digitalization affects society, culture and nature?” presented by the Portuguese group, followed by group discussion.

The impact in society happened very fast, once the volume of information is infinitely greater than before and keep’s increasing. During the presentation we found many examples of this impact in each country involved. To name a few, Turkey has an E-State, Poland has a GPS tracker in restaurants, Slovakia has online tests, Portugal has Green Ways, Norway has AV1, and Czech Republic has electronic grades at school.

The impact of digitalization in culture is made through the access to more information and better understanding of the world around us, such as other cultures and places. The digital transformation also made possible to view museums and art collections online, for example. The READY students also gathered some examples about this topic, for example the students from Slovakia talked about virtual reality on culture activities in their country, one of them is called the “White Night”, the Turkish students discussed the effects on language/texting, the participants from Norway talked about the “Creative Writing”, the Polish students presented a culture event in Poland that consists in a multimedia panel-“Malbork” and the Portuguese students gave the example of online concerts and digital expositions.

Digitalization also has an impact in nature. The available technology, through digitalization of documents, allows to diminish the consumption of paper and printer toner cartridges in companies and at home. One of the examples gave by the Portuguese students was an app named “Too Good to Go” that helps to reduce and fight the food wasting. The Slovakia students also talked about a trash cleaner system present in their country: every trash container has a sensor that can tell if the trash is full, empty or half-empty, which contributes to reduce the cleaning route in a sustainable way, with a lower ecological footprint.

Since the mobility, we were able to talk about digitalization with so much more confidence. We now know so much more about this important subject that without this trip to Turkey we wouldn’t be able to. Nowadays we are able to discuss several topics about digitalization, like it’s importance and its consequences, such as advantages and disadvantages, on society, culture and nature.



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