

# Erasmus paper

## Speaking with the mayor



On Monday we went to visit the city hall where the mayor spoke to us about the city and the international opportunities when it comes to working and studying in Roermond. We had to come up with some questions to ask to the mayor for our end project, we asked questions like = are there many job opportunities for people of all ages, why do less people off the netherlands work across the border?, and which skills are really wanted right now ?. We learned that Roermond is very popular for people from other countries to visit or to work here. but because off border problems , less people from The Netherlands are working abroad in for example in Germany or Belgium. We also learned that the city is getting better in offering job opportunities for all ages since the crisis off 2008, and the need a lot people with technical and economical skills. We learned why the outlet centre is in roermond and why the location is perfect for the outlet center, the reason is that the location is short distance for people from Belgium and Germany and that it is close to the historic city centre off Roermond.

**Studying international** On Thursday we went to fontys venlo, they provide international studies to people from all around the world. They informed us about living close to the border and how the study's programm is in this univercity. we learned about the pro's and cons of studying in a different language and working across the border and studying with different people from all around the world. The pro's are that you learn how to speak a different language, you learn about different cultures, you get to know a lot of people, it's easier to find a job, students learn from eachother, the cons are that there can be culture clashes between students and teachers. After that we learned that we shouldn't put stereoypes on people from other country's because we only see one side. We also learned about the euroregions and how borders can affect a country, the concequences of a border can be that shopping can be very expensive or very cheap and you can't pay with debit card in some country's.

And Wednesday we went to Amsterdam , we saw things like the Rijksmuseum, the red light district , and they André Cuyp market.

**Introduction** :The erasmus project focusses on creating a horizon for international opportunities for the young people when it comes to studying and working abroad.

Countries participating are Greece, Switzerland ,The UK, The Netherlands and Sweden.

To educate the students on this topic they will visit places like the city hall, local international companies , and collages were you can follow international studies.

## International company visit

On Tuesday we went to the international company Nunhems zaden. Many people from many ages and nationalities like Belgium, Germany, Spain, and even Chinese work there to create the best seeds for vegetables and fruits . They do research on the DNA of the seeds and make sure they don't contain diseases. They offer alot of different jobs at this company for people with different educational levels and different nationalities. This company has branches all over the world so they have many people working with many nationalities working for the company, they offer employees the opportunity to travel abroad and meet different people from this company all over the world. We asked employees about the benefits they get from working here and why they decided to work here and how many nationalities there are . They explained that they have the opportuntiy to know different people from all around the world ,they explained that they were interested in agriculture, and because it's a worldwide company and that's why they decide to work there decided to work here. There are many different languages spoken in the company , like English, German, Dutch , Chinese, Spanish and many more.