## My experience in France

From 26th April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, I've been to a town near Bordeaux in France.

I went there thanks to the project "Erasmus Plus" and I lived with a fantastic family, two parents and two daughters, but the parents had to leave the town and I stayed with the two girls, Marine and Océane, and their grandparents who treated me as a granddaughter; moreover they had a funny dog which I played a lot with.

During this experience I had the choice to improve my knowledge of the French culture, indeed I tried the typical food, very different from ours, I visited the local monuments and the best part of that area and I had to make me understand from others, speaking English.

Furthermore it was a fantastic way to make me and my friend's relationship closer because we shared a lot during this journey and knew other people and other guys from Lithuania.

The purpose of the report topic we wrote was to understand the causes of the "drop out" i.e., why teenagers leave school nowadays and how to help these guys to return to study. During those days we had a lot of meetings about this topic and we visited a high school in Bordeaux "Micro Liceè" where students, who stop to attend school and want to restart the studies, go.

We spent another day to visit the most important places there, we visited Bordeaux, the "dune du Pilat" and Arcachon, that I liked a lot.

To sum up, this was one of the best experiences in my life because I have become more independent and open-minded about other cultures.

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