

FEBRUARY 2023

President - Nuno Varajão Barbosa

I really like the month of February because it's my birthday month.

This year, I have two more good reasons to like it even more: the first concerns welcoming more than 300 Friends, students and teachers, a record in the month of February, in the ten years of Mobility Friends.

It is a source of pride and pleasure to have more and more friends, from more countries, with a good percentage of them being new friends, who, together with those who like to come back, look forward to a very good year 2023 in terms of welcoming students and teachers to the scope of Erasmus projects.

The second reason is due to the fact that Mobility Friends are the new owners of the Collector's Home, an accommodation that is located on Rua Francisco Sanches, located in the heart of the historic center of Braga.

As good "friend collectors", we feel the need to have more accommodation available to comfortably receive all those who have the pleasure of visiting us.

The Collector's Home, which was a former Residential Pension in the 70s of the last century, is a unique accommodation in the city of Braga, due to its location, its history, as well as the collections in each of its rooms.

A nice gift for Mobility Friends, who always see their growth in a sustainable way and based on the support of all their partners and friends. Everyone's growth is our Motivation.

Finally, we would also like to thank all the schools and organizations that chose us as partners for their KA1 project applications, wishing them all success and approval.

We are waiting for You!



**Birthday Party of Nuno
Barbosa**

Mobility Friends Carnival



In Portugal, when we talk about the month of February, the first thing that comes to mind is CARNIVAL.

Carnival is a date where people dress up as different characters and have fun and dance. On our Campus we prepared a memorable party, and we showed our Friends how Carnival is celebrated in Portugal, we organized music from all countries, we dressed up and the rest came spontaneously! Thank you to everyone who participated in this unforgettable event, it will definitely go down in history!



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A Month of Achievements

Mobility Friends new Accommodation- Collector's Home



Collector's Home - It is the name of the most recent space that became part of Mobility Friends. A Hostel with three floors completely well equipped located in the center of the magnificent and historic city of Braga was our achievement for the month of February. This new Hostel with capacity for minimum 20 people is prepared to receive even more groups with the maximum quality that Mobility Friends has to offer our Friends. The Collector's Home has the amenities of a 21st century pension: free Wi-Fi and shared facilities - living/dining room and kitchen, facing a west-facing balcony. Guests can prepare their own meals in the shared kitchen and admire the view from the balcony over the city. **Collector's Home** is the recognition of a lot of dedication and willingness to continue to grow with our Organization and to provide you with the best and most varied experience possible.

New Project Approved

It is with great pleasure that in the month of February we had another project approved, a project KA210 "Travelers with disabilities - overcoming barriers in the Tourism Sector" with the Polish partners Zespół Szkół Turystyczno Gastronomicznych w Mińsku Mazowieckim and Fundacja Promocji Inicjatyw Społecznych Polprom was approved by Polish National Agency. The main result of the project will be the creation of an educational package to assist people with disabilities. The package will be used as a training module for professional education purposes. Stay tuned for new developments in the Project, as we will tell you everything!



If you are interested in collaborating with us, or getting to know us better, do not hesitate to contact us. Together we are stronger.



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300 New Friends in February



From the south of America to the extremes of Europe, 300 new Friendships were made in the month of February, and even though it is the shortest month of the year, this number made us very proud.

We received participants from French Guiana, France, Belgium, Czech Republic, Latvia, Croatia, Romania, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Estonia and Slovenia who made our Campus more diverse and beautiful.

Feeling such an atmosphere of culture, diversity, cooperation and union makes us remember and reflect that there are not so many differences between us, and that together, we can walk towards a more equal, just and war-free World.

We loved that you were part of February's story and we look forward to seeing you again.

Internship never felt so good

Many internships were held during the month of February, various sectors were explored by our Friends, where they improved various skills and put into practice all the knowledge acquired in Portugal.

Our Friends carried out internships in the areas of maintenance, welding, construction, mechanics, education, agriculture, among many others.





Sustainability Internship



In February, we highlight the Interior Design internship, which was prepared using materials found by our Friends on the beaches of northern Portugal.

Unfortunately, today, there are still several "trash" on Portuguese beaches, and contributing to the cleaning of Portuguese beaches and recycling these materials to create true works of art was what led to the completion of this internship.

If one day you pass by the Mobility Friends Campus you can find these super useful recycled objects here.

Preparatory visit



At the beginning of the year, we were asked to carry out a Preparatory Visit to two groups from Belgium and France.

We organize the opportunity for the various organizations to stay at the Mobility Friends Campus, get to know our facilities, as well as our partner companies so that they choose us when making the final decision to carry out Mobility with their group.

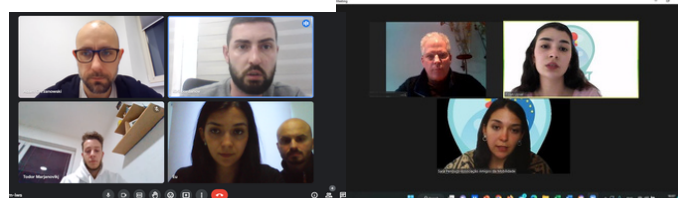
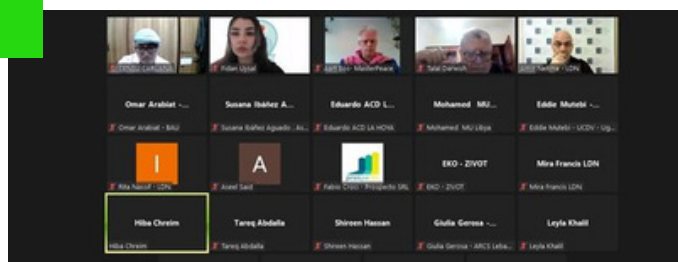
We are sure that the next time we see these Teachers it will be with a large number of students! We can't wait to meet you!

Closer for Cooperation

Communicating online is an opportunity to be closer to our partners and future partners.

Our online presence was highlighted in the month of February, as we participated in Networking Events, as well as discussing new Project ideas with new Friends.

We keep in touch with projects that are in progress, in order to ensure that everything proceeds with the highest possible quality.



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Give Them a Second Chance

The Project "Give Them a Second Chance" project was presented in Mobility Friends Campus in Barcelos, Portugal, to a small group of failed entrepreneurs who went bankrupt with their company and/or are in the process of restructuring and ex-entrepreneurs who did not fail but closed their activity due to no success.

Would you like to know more about this project?

Don't forget to follow the social networks:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ka2g2c/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/g2c_eu/forget



English Language Course

Our dear Friends from French Guiana crossed the Atlantic Ocean to receive training in the English language with Mobility Friends, which is proving to be promising.

We provide courses in Portuguese, but also in English, to improve your language skills.



Mobility Friends around Portugal

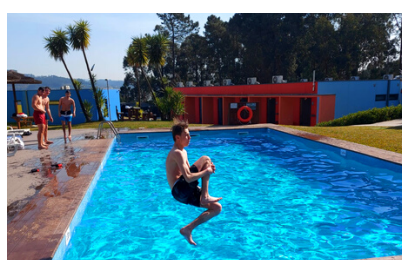
We traveled almost all over Portugal during the month of February, accompanied by sun and friends and wonderful places.

Our country has dazzling cities that are likely to be visited and shown to our Friends.

We visited the capital of Portugal, as well as the surrounding cities with a group of amazing Friends, and once again, we created memories that will never be forgotten.



February with a taste of Summer



February is still a winter month considered cold, but not all of us share the same opinion, and we had some Friends who dived in the Portuguese waters and did not miss the sunny days that they gave us in the month.

We record these cold but very fun moments!





Welcome to Madeira Island



Welcome to the 2023 edition of Madeira Island, it is with great pleasure that we receive three wonderful different groups to do their mobility in this wonderful island. Both groups came from Romania, but from different cities and with different objectives.

A group of students came to do their internship in the area of Hotel and gastronomy, and the other groups of Professors who carried out a Training Course and a JobShadowing.

JobShadowing and Training Course



We received two groups of Teachers from different schools who carried out a Training Course in the area of ICT and a JobShadowing in Education on Madeira Island, which was a success. They had the opportunity to learn more about the job for which they're applying

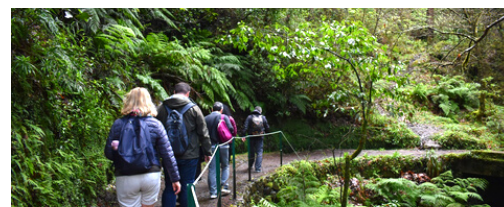
Too Beautiful to be True

Madeira Island has commemorative days that are sought after by many tourists throughout the year, and in February in particular Carnival is celebrated in an unbelievably fantastic way.

Our Friends had the opportunity to visit the North, South, East and West of the Island, and we can assure you that they were completely amazed by the beauty that Madeira Island has to offer, and that you can see for yourself.

This was the first month that we received groups on the Island, but don't forget that the year is just beginning and that many groups are yet to come.

Do not miss the opportunity to carry out your mobility in Mainland Portugal, and in the Islands. This possibility is just a contact away.



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Friendly Zone



My experience started before Mobility, my conversation with the Staff of Mobility Friends was constant, and before arriving in Portugal, I already felt that I knew how this organization worked.

It was my first time, as well as that of my students in Portugal who are in the field of mechanics. It's amazing how everything is organized down to the smallest detail, and there's a promptness in communication and problem solving that completely blows my mind!

Everything met expectations and my students are already asking to come back and they still haven't left!

I will definitely come back!

Thank you for everything Mobility Friends.

Bart Haerynck - Belgium

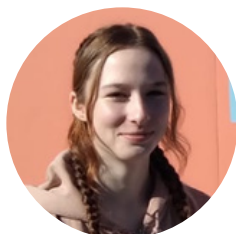


My experience at Mobility Friends was really amazing. I loved everything, from the internship, to the cultural visits and the environment lived here.

On the Campus everything is very well organized and I really liked the way everything is organized.

I recommend Mobility Friends to all readers and to live an experience like this.

Adela - Czech Republic



We came to do an internship in the Plastic Industry and Maintenance in Portugal, to learn new things and of course, to put into practice what we already knew and learned in France.

We really enjoyed everything, but we have to highlight our Carnival Party that you organized, which was spectacular! We arrived a few days ago, but we don't want to leave.

The Campus is beautiful and big, we have already made new friends and exchanged contacts with new people.

Abdel and Nasser - France



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I've been here with my students for two weeks now, and unfortunately our experience is almost over.

The Campus is full of activities, trips and the Carnival celebrated here was excellent.

The staff is all very kind and helps a lot, everything we ask for, they gladly give us.

The food in the canteen is fantastic, there is a lot of variety and the rooms are comfortable. Everything is always clean and there is constant maintenance.

The Portuguese are sweet, docile and we really appreciate that.

My education students have also been wonderfully integrated into the schools and they just don't want to leave.

Thank you for everything.

Elena Gavrilă - Romania

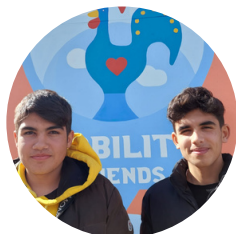


Our experience with Mobility Friends was spectacular.

We are doing everything, from the internship in the construction area, to cultural visits and the Campus environment.

We've already made new friends, and there's a lot of cultural diversity, it's spectacular.

Gusuf and Duhancar - Turkey



What I most enjoyed about Portugal and Mobility Friends were the people, the architecture and the food. It was an amazing experience.

I really liked the way the people at the reception always helped us with everything, and in general the staff is very friendly and fun.

I recommend Mobility Friends to everyone, because the program they prepare is spectacular, the cultural visits are very beautiful, and we never have boring moments, everything is always very fun and new.

The idea of bringing together different cultures in the same space is simply incredible.

Lenka - Czech Republic

