Erasmus+ KA1 Mobility – Detailed Program Guide (Porto, 7–16 May 2025)

Theme: Learning Foreign Languages – A Gateway to Youth Participation and Volunteering

Day 1 – Wednesday, 7 May

- Arrival in Porto (23:05)
- Late-night transfer and hotel check-in

Day 2 – Thursday, 8 May

Late Morning: Welcome Session

- Topics: Program overview, expectations, cultural norms in Portugal
- Icebreaker

Afternoon: Orientation Walk in Porto

- Route: Avenida dos Aliados → São Bento Station (tiles) → Ribeira → Ponte Luís I (halfway walk)
- Overview of landmarks and essential safety instructions

Day 3 – Friday, 9 May

Morning: Ice-breaking & Intercultural Games

- Location: Jardim da Cordoaria
- Games: Human Bingo, Culture Quiz, Name & Gesture Circle

Afternoon: Palácio da Bolsa Visit

- Task: Explore Porto's transformation, architectural identity, and multicultural influence
- Focus: Inclusion, multicultural heritage, and cultural legacy in the city's architecture

Day 4 – Saturday, 10 May

Free Morning – Students' Choice

- Suggestions: Explore Porto, shopping, visiting cafés, personal reflection, or rest
- Optional: Group leaders can suggest relaxed group activities

Afternoon: The British Council Visit

- Time: 14:00 to 15:00
- Presentation about The British Council in Porto and interactive session on language

Day 5 – Sunday, 11 May

Free Day – Students' Choice

- Suggestions: Explore Porto, shopping, visiting cafés, personal reflection, or rest
- Optional: Group leaders can suggest relaxed group activities

Day 6 – Monday, 12 May

Morning: Visit to Serralves – "O Lugar Acordou" Tour

- Time: 10:00 to 11:30
- Language: English
- Task: Explore the exhibition "O Lugar Acordou" at Serralves
- Activity: Photo challenge – find multilingual signage & interpret meaning

Afternoon: Group Project Preparation

- A session about ESC volunteering
- Project: Languages as a bridge to European identity and volunteering
- Output: Poster, video, or theatrical sketch

Day 7 – Tuesday, 13 May

Morning: Beach clean up

Evening: Join Europe Day Activity at Reitoria (with ESN Porto)

- Collaborative language-related and cultural engagement activities
- Celebrate multilingualism and European citizenship

Day 8 – Wednesday, 14 May

Morning: Street Interviews – "Volunteering Across Europe"

- Location: Jardim do Morro, Ribeira, or other tourist hotspots where people are relaxed, open, and enjoying the view.
- Task: Explore how people from different European countries experience or view **volunteering**, while practicing intercultural communication and English (or basic Portuguese greetings!).

How It Works:

1. **Form Small Groups (2–3 students):**
    - One interviews, one films/records, one supports or translates if needed.
2. **Prepare a Simple Interview Script (handed out or memorized):** Example:

    "Hi! We're a group of high school students from Bulgaria doing a school project about languages and volunteering in Europe. Can we ask you 2 quick questions?"

    - **"Have you ever volunteered in your country or abroad? If yes, how was the experience?"**
    - **"What motivates people to volunteer in your opinion?"**
    - Optional: **"Which language helped you most while volunteering?"**

3. **Record a short video or voice memo** (with consent) OR just note the answers.
4. **Languages to Use:**
    - English (main)
    - Portuguese (for greetings: *Olá! Posso fazer uma pergunta?*)
    - Any other shared languages (French, Spanish, etc.)

Afternoon: Presentation of the interview results

Day 9 – Thursday, 15 May

Morning: Evaluation Session

- Tools: Sticky note wall ("I learned...", "I want to learn more about..."), written feedback

Afternoon: Goethe-Institut visit (14:00)

- Interactive session on language and volunteering in German culture

Evening: Douro 5 bridges boat trip & Farewell Dinner & Ceremony

- Activities: certificate ceremony, open mic, goodbye

Day 10 – Friday, 16 May

- Early departure