

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

SUCCESS STORY:

My Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs experience at Impact Hub Bari

New Entrepreneur

Name and Surname: Kamila Patola

Country: Poland

Age: 37

Status: Would-be entrepreneur

Sector: Coworking; Turism

Name of business/website: KRK LADIES TRIPS&WORK; www.krk-ladies-trips.com

Picture:



Host Entrepreneur

Name and Surname: Diego Antonacci

Country: Italy

Age: 42

Experience: Entrepreneur; Marketing and Start-ups manager, Co-founder of Impact Hub Bari

Sector: Coworking, Start-ups

Name of business/website: Impact Hub Bari; <https://bari.impacthub.net/>

Picture:



Details of exchange:

Date of exchange: from 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021

Duration of exchange: 6 months

Brief introduction (max. 1.000 characters): Who are the participants, how did they discover EYE, why did they decide to participate, what were the expected benefits,...

I have always been fascinated by creative places, where people of different professions can exchange ideas and experience. Additionally, I loved travelling. Once I thought it would be nice to create a place where work and travel are connected. To make this happen, I really wanted to gain experience, see a big coworking space, work there and see how such a place functions. All this in order to try and organise a travel coworking space myself one day in Poland. A year ago I finally decided to try to take part in the EYE programme so I am able to understand how this kind of place works. I already knew a little Italian language... Impact Hub Bari was a modern, large coworking centre in the south of Italy. I thought, why not here! The introductory talk with the people from Impact was nice and I immediately felt that this place would bring me a lot of good business experience.

Activities undertaken (max. 1.000 characters): Examples, description of the relationship between the two entrepreneurs,...

The time spent at Impact Hub Bari and mentoring received from Diego Antonacci and Marija Latin was a great experience. Not only did I learn how the biggest coworking centre in the south of Italy functions, but I was also able to help with the day-to-day tasks and work on small projects to develop the place. Every day I learnt how the centre works, I took part in team meetings, I got to know the community members, I worked as a community host to learn more about the clients' needs. I was also able to develop projects related to networking (by preparing a database of community hosts), coordinating photo sessions for new people. I took part in webinars and online meetings. All this was done in Italian, which I absorbed like a sponge.

Benefits achieved (max. 1.000 characters): Future prospect of cooperation, skills developed, contacts made...

This 6 months I spent at the Impact Hub in Apuly were very fruitful. I got to know Impact Hub's marketing strategy, organisational structure. I got to know the needs of the coworking centre clients from the inside. I gained new skills, like for example coordinating the team, working on projects, organizing online events. Even the difficulties related to pandemic times and restrictions did not prevent this stay from being an important professional experience. I improved my knowledge of the Italian language and I started translating the website of my project into Italian. I gained new contacts, met professionals from different fields, and especially made professional connections with the founders and managers of Impact Hub Bari. So I am sure I can always ask them for an advise as they are so experienced.

Quotation regarding the experience: (NE max. 300 characters)

“The opportunity to stay at Impact Hub Bari has been one of the most outstanding professional experiences I have had to date. The ability to learn from outstanding entrepreneurs has allowed me to gain new knowledge and experience and has brought out the energy in me to try to design my own coworking and travel project.”

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Quotation regarding the experience: (HE max. 300 characters)

“Hosting Kamila here a our office was a pleasure for the whole team! She has an amazing team spirit and a great level of creativity. Thanks to the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme, we had a chance to meet and exchange the knowledge and ideas. We hope to stay in touch with Kamila for future projects!”

Picture (NE + HE together)



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