VLHE Presentation Group 5

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The beginning

The beginning of the course, we all had hopes and fears:

Hopes:
- the possibility of dialogue
- learning something new
- developing friendships
- understanding different points of view
- getting experiences of working in international team
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Fears:
- being judged
- miscommunication
- - cultural aspects
- - language misunderstandings
- patronizing or hurting others intentionally
- problems with cooperation (due to technical issues and time differences)
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What is the culture?

Culture in general is concerned with **beliefs** and **values** on the basis of which people interpret **experiences** and **behave**, **individually** and in **groups**. Broadly and simply put, "culture" refers to a group or community with which you share common experiences that shape the way you understand the world.

Stereotypes

A stereotype is commonly held popular belief about specific social groups or types of individuals. Stereotypes are standardized and simplified conceptions of groups based on some prior assumptions.

Most interesting findings (1)

- First of all, the purpose of this partnership was to develop, implement, and evaluate an interactive VLHE course to our group, second, during to this course we were able to test ourselves and learn how to communicate remotely.

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- We all didn't have enough time to familiar each other, but when we were working in group it seemed that we all are the same nationality because any cultural differences didn't appeared.

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- During VLHE course we haven't argued from all over, didn't have conflicts.

Most interesting findings (2)

- It was interesting to observe that sometimes we behave contrary to cultural stereotypes.

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- Any misunderstanding that happened during the course (e. g. wrong understanding of tasks) wasn't an effect of cultural differences, but just personal way of thinking.

Most common findings

- We didn't look at cultural differences as a problem or difficulty, it was pleasure to understanding each other.

- We tried to be culturally compatible in order to build relationships and add true value.

- We haven't noticed any stereotypical behaviour and we never meant to offend each other.

- We treated everybody in the same way and we tried to help each other in solution to every situation.

Most funniest findings

- At the beginning of the course there was some situations then we didn't made oneself understood, it was quite funny.

- Raise a smile by the fact, that we all became almost friends, but never had eye contact with each other.
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- Some of us spoke and wrote English wrongly same way

Cultural Modules in VLHE course (generalization)

- We all have European background, so probably we don't have so many cultural differences, because of we think quite similar

- During VLHE course we have had too short time to get to know each other, to understand the cultural differences. We were more concentrated on content, but not on cultural differences.

- It is easier to observe cultural differences in working face to face, because we tend to show our national habits rather in everyday life and in virtual reality they are not so visible.

Thank you for your attention :)