





MOBILITY DEPARTMENT

Learner and staff mobility:
Increasing the skills and
employability of VET learners and
apprentices by providing practical
experience and exposure to other
languages and cultures.

OUR STORY SO FAR

ECTE has been implementing European Mobility Programs, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus, IdA and international private placements since the beginning of the 90s. These programs come under the Mobility Actions for Young workers or unemployed, trainers, educators, people involved in the initial or further vocational training programs, and people from vulnerable social groups. Mobility Programs give the opportunity to individuals to improve their labour qualifications and to enrich their professional experience.

In the frame of mobility programs, more than 5.000 young people (and counting...) have been trained in Rethymno from Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom.



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COUNTRIES



5000+

PARTICIPANTS



25+

SECTORS

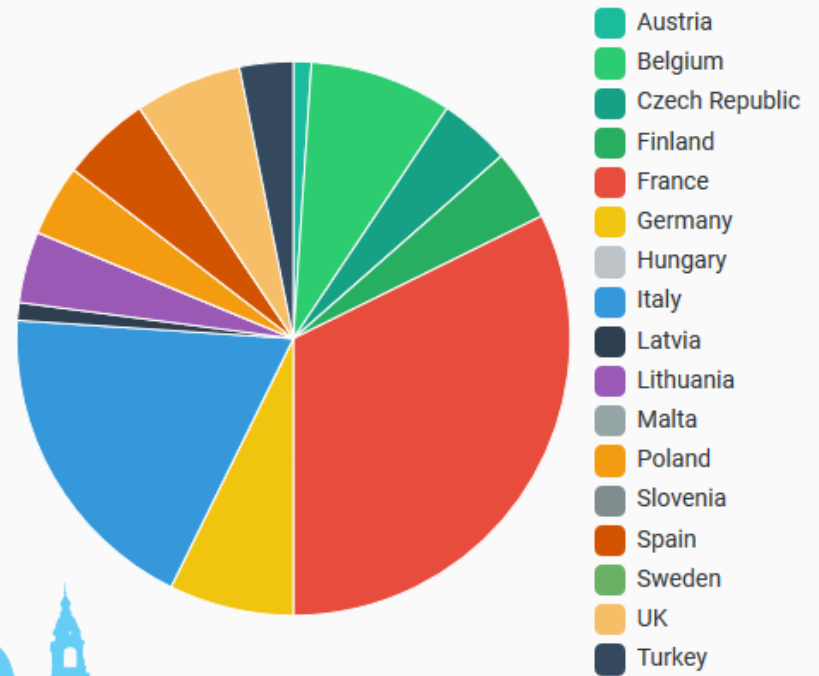


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COMPANIES

MOBILITY DEPARTMENT PARTNERS

our valued partners across the
geographical canvas of Europe





MOBILITY DEPARTMENT Services

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MOBILITY DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The Mobility Department at ECTE offers a wide range of services to incoming participants; our main goal is to make each participant feel at home and encourage him/her to gain the best possible experience whether this is related to work or life in Crete.

Our experience has enabled us to develop a detailed structure of activities and planning in order to ensure the seamless integration of our participants as well as to assure each one of them that they get their desired practice. Our network cover more than 300 companies in Crete, in sector ranging from Art to Cookery.

We are committed to the incoming participants, respecting their needs, aspirations for the future, their age and anxieties.

Our services include:

- TRANSFER
- ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD
- LANGUAGE COURSES
- STUDENT AFFAIRS
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- CERTIFICATION AND ECVET



TRANSFER

Transfer to and from the airport can be provided by ECTE on the day of arrival and departure.

Depending on the size of the group, a bus or a mini bus picks up the participants from the airport (Heraklion or Chania) and transfer them to Rethymno, at the hotel.

The tutor of the program welcomes participants in the hotel reception, providing the necessary information for the accommodation and the program.





ACCOMMODATION

Participants from all mobility projects stay in 3-star hotels located in the city of Rethymno. The hotels offered are also used as accommodation for University students, so participants have the possibility to live in a multicultural environment.

Participants stay in single, double or triple rooms according to the financial agreement. Each room includes cooking facilities & private bathroom. Once per week hotel provides cleaning services (changing sheets and towels and clean the floor). Participants are also responsible for the keeping of their rooms.

All hotels provide free internet access in the rooms or in the lobby.





FOOD

ECTE Mobility Dept. can offer participants full-board and half-board plans to accommodate any needs and enjoy the culinary quality of Cretan Diet in certified, experienced restaurants that use high quality, locally grown, ingredients.





LANGUAGE COURSES

Language preparation courses offered to participants, teaching Greek or English language using English as communication language. In special cases teachers use the participants' mother tongue (Spanish, German, French) as communication language. The duration of the language preparation can be 20h, 40h, 60h, depending on the financial agreement.

Methodology: The lessons are based on a method created with the co-operation of the linguistic department of the University of Rethymno, Crete. This method is concentrated on the oral aspect of the language. Different units are used to describe conversation of the everyday life. The teacher, having finished a unit with a given theme, tries to put it into practice. **Activities:** Listening skills: Listening to dialogues of the book, songs, movies etc. **Oral expression:** role-playing, development of the linguistic competence in diverse situations.

Greek/ English Language Courses

- Small groups (max 10 students)
- Educational material is provided to students.
- Teachers use adult training and dynamic learning methods (role playing, movies, songs).





STUDENT AFFAIRS

ECTE's time table is 09:00-17:00 from Monday to Friday.

During these hours participants can attend to ECTE's team for any issue related to the program. In case of emergency out of the daily time table participants can use the emergency numbers 24h available which are given to them the first day of the project. In case of health problems participants visit the doctor accompanying by their tutor from ECTE.

ECTE offers to participants free internet connection in the office using the company's WI-FI. In cases participants don't have PC, two computers are available for them.

Discount cards with 25% discount for the local transportation are provided to participants by ECTE. The cost of the tickets participants use for the needs of the practice is covered by ECTE after financial agreement with the sending organization

- Free WI-FI in ECTE premises
- ECTE discount cards 25% for local buses
- Medical assistance
- 24 hours emergency numbers
- Complaints procedures



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural activities are organized for the participants during the program. The activities include visits to archaeological monuments or historical places, traditional villages, trekking excursions, sports activities, educational excursions and meals in traditional restaurants, etc.

In these cultural events participants from different programs are also invited in order to live a multicultural experience.

- Visits to Museums & Monuments
- Visits to Archaeological sites
- Visits to historical and traditional places
- Trekking excursions
- Team games & sports activities







CERTIFICATION AND ECVET

At the end of the program three types of certificates are given to participants. The first one is given by ECTE for the participation in the project, the second by the practice and the third the European form of certification Europass.

ECVET is a common methodological framework that facilitates the accumulation and transfer of credits for learning outcomes from one qualifications system to another. It aims to promote transnational mobility and access to lifelong learning. It is not intended to replace national qualification systems, but to achieve better comparability and compatibility among them.

ECVET applies to all outcomes obtained by an individual from various education and training pathways that are then transferred, recognised and accumulated in view of achieving a qualification. This initiative makes it easier for European citizens to gain recognition of their training, skills and knowledge in another Member State.





MOBILITY DEPARTMENT Fields of practice

information about the practices
ECTE Mobility Dept. offers
participants.



AGRICULTURE

In the area of Agriculture internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing.

Participants have the possibility to work in companies that are actively involved in the Agriculture Sector. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Greenhouses
- Green Agriculture Companies
- Agricultural Association of Rethymno.





ARCHAEOLOGY & RESTORATION

In the area of Archaeology & Restoration internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to participate to excavations, to work in ceramic restoration with finds from excavations or with icons and paintings.

The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- The Archaeological Museum of Rethymno
- The Ephorate of Antiquities





ARCHITECTURE

In the area of Architecture internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing.

Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Architectural companies
- Interior Design companies





ARTS

In the area of Arts internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in different kind of museums, art centers ceramic workshops and in art restoration. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Ceramic workshops
- Museums
- The Archaeological Museum of Rethymno
- The Ephorate of Classical Antiquities



BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATION & CUSTOMER SERVICES

In the area of Business, Administration and Customer Services internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing.

Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Private companies
- 4 and 5-star Hotels
- Travel Agencies
- Private Schools of Foreign Languages
- Real Estate offices
- Retail Shops.

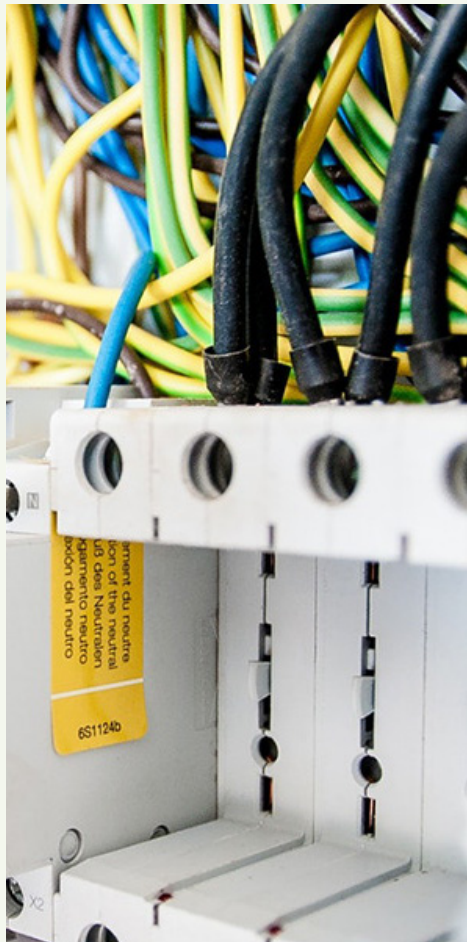




CULTURE AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

In the area of Culture and Events Management internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Events Management Offices
- Advertising companies
- Fairs and Festivals



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS & MECHATRONICS

In the area of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Mechatronics internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Electrical installation companies
- Hotel maintenance
- Small and Medium Electronics Companies
- IT hardware maintenance
- Big Companies



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

In the area of Environmental Science and Renewable Energy internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to have practice in the environmental sector, as well as recycling, animal protection & food control. The network of partners in this sector includes:

The Public Waste Management Office
in Rethymno

The Municipality of Rethymno –
Recycling Department

The Environmental Department of
Secondary Education

Animal Protection Association





GASTRONOMY

In the area of Gastronomy internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Bakeries
- Hotel Bakeries
- Catering Companies
- Patisseries
- Big Restaurants
- Family Restaurants
- Hotel Restaurants

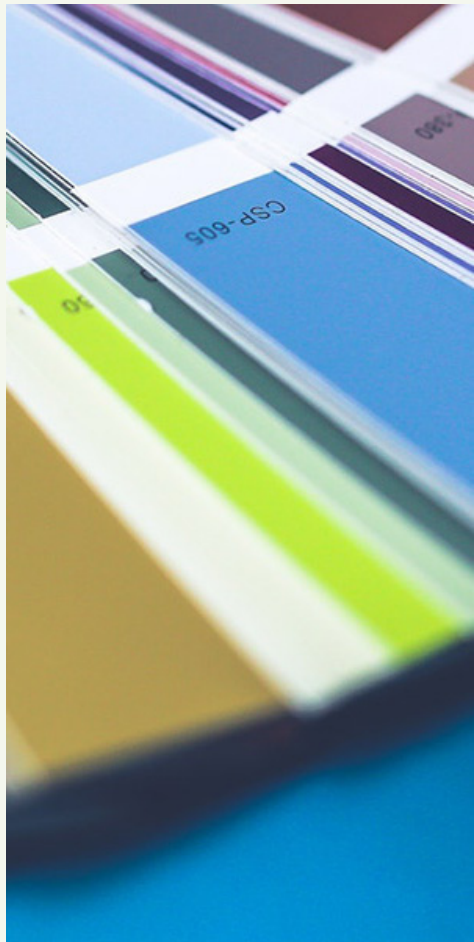
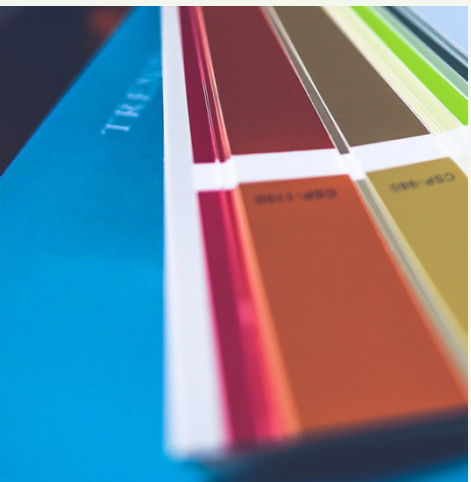


GRAPHIC DESIGN

In the area of Graphic and Web Design internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing.

Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Graphic Design offices
- Web Design Offices



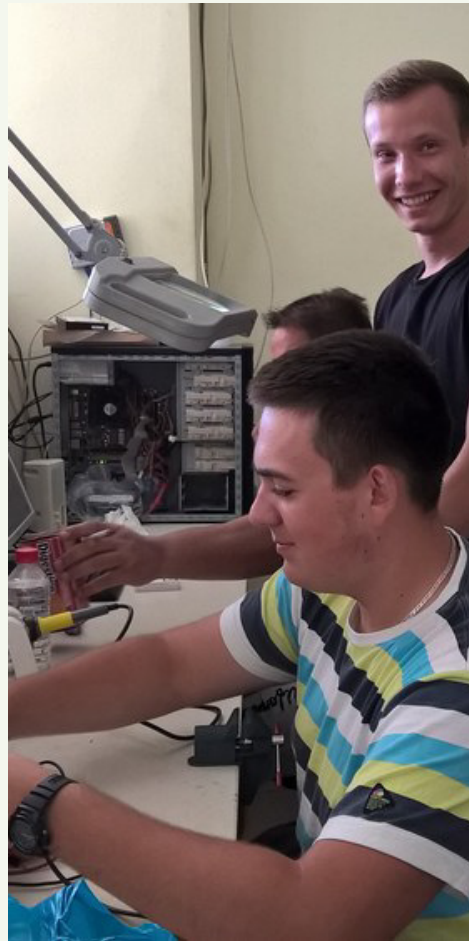
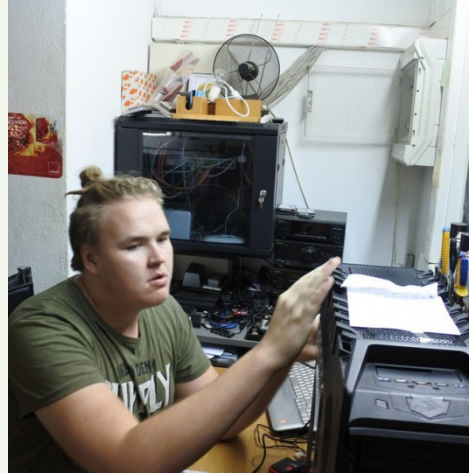


HEALTH, MEDICINE, NURSING AND VETERINARY

In the area of Health, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants with studies in Education, social sciences, Medical science have the possibility to work with children, adults, handicaps, excluded social groups, animals, etc. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

The Public Hospital of Rethymno, Pharmacies, Emergency Center of Crete, Associations for people with special needs, Associations for The Elderly, Nutrition, Health Centres, Mental Health Centres, Vet Clinics, Animal protection Associations.





IT, HARDWARE AND NETWORKS

In the area of IT, Hardware and Networks internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to have practice private companies which work with software, hardware, networks. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant.

The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Private IT companies
- University of Crete
- Advertisement companies
- Municipality of Rethymno

KINDERGARTEN & PEDAGOGICAL PROFESSIONS

In the area of Kindergarten and Pedagogical Professions internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work with children or teenagers, in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools as teachers' assistants, participate in schools activities, or work in vocational centers. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

Private school for foreign languages,
Public or private kindergartens,
Educational associations for children with special skills, Vocational centers

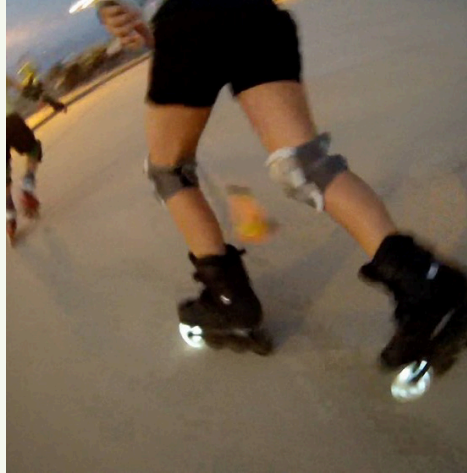




LOGISTICS

In the area of Logistics internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Transportation companies
- Logistics Companies
- Distribution companies
- Super Markets
- Storage Warehouses



SPORTS & FITNESS

In the area of Sports internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to have practice in fitness centers or to be involved with specific sports such as basketball, football, etc. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Sport athletic clubs
- Fitness centre of the University of Crete
- 5-star Hotel
- Fitness Centres
- Private gyms
- 5-star hotel spas



TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS

Carpenters

In the area of Carpentry internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in, furniture's, frames', roofs', construction, as well as in their montage, placement and maintenance. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant.

The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Big factories
- Small enterprises
- Hotels' maintenance



TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS

Bricklayers

In the area of Bricklaying internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in the area of construction by using concrete, iron, stone etc. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant.

The network of partners in this sector includes:

Construction companies





TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS

Plasterers

In the area of Plastering internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to cut, place, paint plasterboards as well to make the designs. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant.

The network of partners in this sector includes:

Plaster Enterprises



TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS

Plumbers

In the area of Plumbing internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work with plumbing installation, heating systems, solar systems and maintenance. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant.

The network of partners in this sector includes:

Plumbing companies
Hotels' maintenance team



TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS

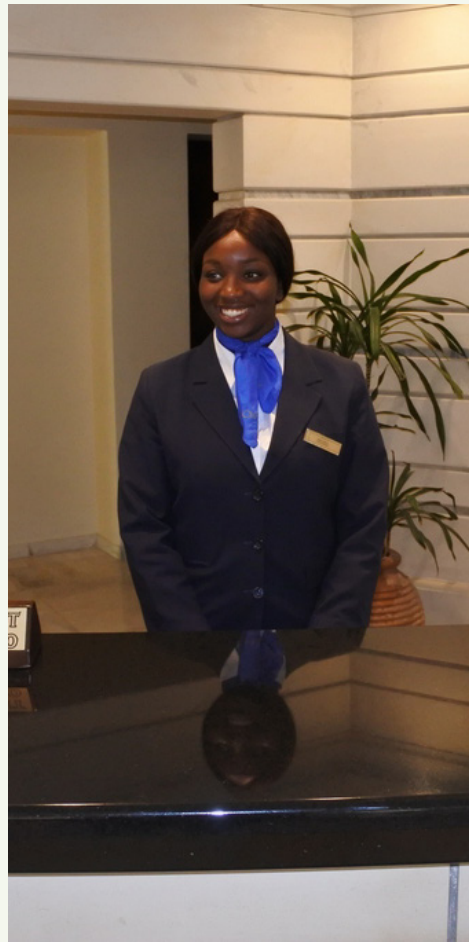
Stonemasons

In the area of Stone construction internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in the area of stone construction by working in factories using CNC machine, building stone houses or streets, and work in their renovation and conservation. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant.

The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Construction companies
- Factories work with CNC

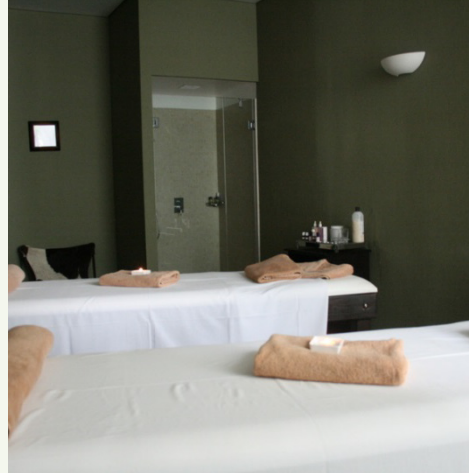




TOURISM

In the area of Tourism internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in companies involved with tourism or alternative tourism. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- 5 star hotels (Reception, administration, animation, service, restaurant, room keeping, logistics, gardening, maintenance)
- Small hotels (Reception, administration, service, restaurant, room keeping, logistics, gardening, maintenance)
- Travel agencies (Customer service, bookings, e-communication, translations, excursion organization, administration)
- Private and public touristic information associations (Customer service, information providing, administration, touristic promotion)
- Touristic shops (Sales, customer service, logistics)



WELLNESS & BEAUTY

In the area of Wellness and Beauty internships offered to participants according to their education, skills and willing. Participants have the possibility to work in companies that have documents in English language. The tasks participants carry out depend on the agreement between the practice and the participant. The network of partners in this sector includes:

- Hair Salons
- Spas
- Beauty Salons
- 5 and 4-star hotels





Crete

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The island spans 260 km (160 mi) from east to west, is 60 km (37 mi) at its widest point, and narrows to as little as 12 km (7.5 mi). It covers an area of 8,336 km² (3,219 sq mi), with a coastline of 1,046 km (650 mi).



Geopolitical and economic quick facts

Crete is the 13th Region of Greece and is divided into four sub-regional areas where the four main cities are located.



WORKFORCE



290,000

UNIVERSITIES



6

INTER. AIRPORTS



2

FERRIES



4/24

INDUSTRY SECTORS



6

Tourism and Agriculture

Economic activities include **agriculture** and **tourism services**. As in many other regions of Greece, production of wine and olive oil is significant and vital to the local economy. Dairy products are also important to the local economy and there are a number of specialty cheeses such as mizithra, anthotyros, and kefalotyri. Cretan cuisine is renowned both in Greece and internationally for its unique ingredients and flavours. Based on simple techniques, it's the variety of local produce that distinguishes the dishes: mountain herbs and greens, bulbs, unique cheeses, fresh fish and the famous Cretan olive oil.

OLIVE OIL



60K Tons

NATURA REGIONS



55

BLUE FLAGS



98

MAIN ARCH. SITES



25





Major attractions and places of interest in Crete

- Knossos Palace
- Old Town of Rethymno and Chania
- Venetian castle at Rethymno,
- Gorge of Samaria,
- Nearby isles of Chryssi, Gramvousa, and Spinalonga
- Beaches of Elafonissi, Triopetra, Preveli
- The Palm Beach of Vai
- Arkadi Monastery
- Lake Kournas






Rethymno, Crete

The city of Rethymno is an ideal destination for Erasmus participants who wish to explore the rich cultural heritage and the natural beauties of Crete. This well-organized city offers a variety of picturesque routes to follow and numerous historical monuments to visit. The old city of Rethymno still preserves its old urban structure to a great extent, formed during the Venetian period onwards.

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