

Index of common interview ideas

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Purpose of this compilation

During the first workshop in Brussels it was decided not to have a compulsory common list of interviews and scenarios to be recorded in all project languages. This is due to differences in national needs and cultures. It is, however, important to ensure that the partnership covers the defined target groups (these were at the meeting extended with travel and tourism).

This list serves as inspiration during the video preparations and recordings, the videos will be developed using students and will be based on the students' own inputs and suggestions, only this way is it possible to reflect real content and youth culture.

Interviews will be used where scenarios cannot serve the purpose. Scenarios will be the first choice wherever possible.

Food

National food habits

How would you describe traditional Lithuanian cuisine?
What are the main ingredients used in Lithuanian cookery?
Which is the most traditional Lithuanian drink?
Do Lithuanians have any traditional Christmas dishes? What is special about them?
What food is cooked for Easter?
Which catering establishments serve traditional Lithuanian food?
Is traditional Lithuanian food healthy? Why?
What do you need to make *Cepelinai*?
How do you make them?

Food preferences

Who does the cooking at your place?
What is your favourite food?
Do you like Hutspot? (or other national meals)
What is your favorite meal on cold winter day?
What is the role of likes and dislikes in food choice?
How does climate influence our food choices?
What is the role of money in choosing what and where to eat?
What do we pay attention to when buying food?
What do you know about fast food?
Why do a lot of people choose fast food?
Who enjoy fast food restaurants most of all? Why?
Do people have enough knowledge about healthy eating habits? Why?
How does time available for eating influence our food choices?
Do you like homemade food? Why?
Do you like to cook? Why?

Dining out

At what age did you start going to restaurants on your own? (with friends or dates)
If you want to have a meal in town with some friends, which type of restaurant would you go to?
Which time would you prefer for dining at a restaurant
Is it typical to share the cost of the dinner

Do you tip the waiter? If yes, then approximately how much, Is it a percentage or do you round up the bill?

Do you usually stay at the restaurant after the meal or do you go elsewhere?

Party time

Do you usually go to private parties or do you prefer discos and bars?

At what age do young people start going to parties

Do you drink alcohol at parties?

At what age do young people in Denmark typically start drinking alcohol at parties

Which day of week is the usual “party day”

At what time does the typical party start?

How much money do you spend on parties every month

Dating

How old are you

How many girlfriends/boyfriends have you had?

Do you have a girlfriend/boyfriend at the moment?

If yes, where did you meet your partner? I.e. At a disco, in school, at work, in a sports club

Where have your friends typically met their partners?

At what age do young people in Denmark start dating?

Please give an example of a typical first date (how to get in contact, some good scoring tricks:-)

If you want to ask a date out to a restaurant would you then pay the bill?

At what age do you expect to have a set partnership? Do you expect it will be a marriage?

Would you prefer to have finished your education before a marriage?

Which age is the best for getting children?

Personal safety / thefts etc.

Have you ever been robbed/mugged?

How did you find out?

Did you report the incident?

Did you get your property back?

What kind of forms did you have to fill in?

Career decision

How old were you when you decided to be a _____?

Who gave you the advice that made you decide to be a _____?

Please name some people who are important when young people decide what they want to be (parents, friends, teachers, student counsellor).

Did you have a practice period in a company before you made up your mind?

Have you considered other professions?

Is it likely that you will continue to work as a _____?

Educational path / jobs

How many years do you expect your education / training will take?

How much of that time is schools periods?

Is there a mix of school periods and practical work in a company?

Please describe the apprenticeship structure (block course, sandwich courses, day release courses).

Which subjects do you have in school?

How many exams do you have to go to before you have completed your education / apprenticeship?

Did you have to have a contract with a company before you started in school?

Do you have to pay for going to school?

Do you have to pay for transport yourself when you are at school?

How do you get paid while you are at school (loan, wages, grant etc.)

Do you receive wages during your practice periods?

Employment

Do you have work?

What do you do?

How much do you earn per hour?

What are your working hours?

Documents needed for the new job

Questions asked by the staff manager about personal documents required in e.g. Germany for an apprentice:

May I have a look at your ID card?

Did you sign up for an international health insurance?

Have you already applied for an income tax card at the local tax office?

Did you register with the federal office for statutory pension insurance provisions?

Did you hand in copies of your leaving certificates?

Did you do any internships relevant for this job?

Job interview

Questions asked by the human resource manager:

Why have you applied for a job with us?

What kind of work experience have you had so far?

Do you have family?

In case the applicant is female: Are you pregnant?

What is your desired salary?

Do you like travelling?

First day on the new job

Questions asked by a new employee:

Is there a locker room?
When do we start working or do we have flexitime?
Do we have to work overtime?
What exactly are my duties?
Where can I find the copy machine, coffee machine, powder room etc.?

Travelling

Which places of Lithuania are the most popular among foreign tourists?
What do foreigners enjoy about Lithuania most of all?
Which time of the year is the best to visit Lithuania?
Are there any resorts? What can you tell about each of them?
How can foreigners enjoy their life in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania?
Where do local people spend their weekends and vacation?
What are the most popular forms of entertainment?
What leisure activities do different age groups enjoy?
Why is rural tourism becoming more and more popular among local people?
Is it expensive to spend your vacation in Lithuania?

Healthcare

Who is responsible for our health? Why?
How can we help ourselves to stay healthy?
What knowledge do we need to help ourselves and other people to stay healthy?
Which foods help us to feel well and be healthy?
Which foods do we have to avoid?
How does smoking influence our health?
How would you describe a *healthy way of life*?

Seeing a doctor

What has brought you along today?
Where does it hurt?
What's the pain like?
Is it continuous or does it come and go?
How long does it last?
When did it start?

A flue

What's the matter with you if you've got a sore throat, aching muscles, runny nose and sore eyes, you cough and sneeze and your temperature is high?
What causes a flue?
Where should you apply for help?
Who can help you?
Can you help yourself? If yes, how?

Media studies

What is media?

What forms of media do you know?

What is the key role of all media forms?

What forms of media are the most popular today?

Why do people buy fewer newspapers these days?

Why are parents worried about their children watching TV so much?

Which is your favourite media form?

Becoming a professional in media

What personal qualities are necessary for media people?

What knowledge and skills should a media professional possess?

Where do you have to study to gain necessary knowledge and skills?

What is the role of computers in the media world today?

Is multimedia a type of media or not? Why?

National press

What can you say about press of Lithuania nowadays?

What are the most popular newspapers and magazines?

Do you buy any newspapers or subscribe them?

Are newspapers and magazines expensive?

What articles interest you most?

What foreign newspapers and magazines can you buy in your country?

Which media form is the strongest competitor of the press?

How to find accommodation

Does the company help me find a room?

Are there classified ads for flats in the newspapers every day?

What's the public transportation system like? Do the buses and trams run regularly?

Is it cheaper to rent a flat in the suburbs?

Would you recommend a flat in the city centre?

Social rules

Do always shake hands when you meet?

Do you embrace when you meet friends?

How are you supposed to react to somebody sneezing?

What do I say when I happen to step on somebody's foot?

When do I use "Sie" or "Du" when addressing someone?

Waste separation

Why do the dustbins in your town come in different colours?

How often is the general garbage, the waste paper, the bio-degradables and packaging waste collected?

How do I know when to put the green bin in front of the door?

Why are there yellow plastic bags next to the bins?
Do I tip the dustmen?

Suggested questions to be asked in the partnership countries

The questions below are based on requests from students in Germany and Lithuania

General questions

Where do students get their money from?
How much money one need to live in one or other country?
What are the night clubs like?
Which type of communication do young people prefer, virtual or face to face?
Where do you swim in summer time?
Is it easy to find a job/get employed in your country?
What is the most popular sport?
Do girls care about their appearance? How much time do they spend for it?
Do students get scholarships? How big are they?
When can one get the driving licence?
How much time do students spend for studies(possibly, they want to learn about lectures and homework assignments)?
Are people polite?
What is the climate like?
What are the houses like?
How much does beer cost?
What is the minimum salary?
What values do people share?
What are the most popular informal movements among young people?
Do young people use drugs?

Denmark

What do you do in your free time ?
What is your favorite drink (beer)?
What are you doing at weekends?
What do you know about Germany and Germans?
Do you have some traditional stuff?
Do you like, dislike Germans and why??
What is the great dream of a Danish??
At what age you get your driving license?
What is your favourite holiday country?
What do you think about the German school system?
At which age you can drink alcohol?
How much is the beer in Denmark and how good is it?
What is your favourite sport?
Do you have sport clubs?
Do the Danish girls like the German boys?

Why are most of the Danish people blond?
Do you think that the Germans are alcoholics?
Have you ever travelled to Germany?

Lithuania

Which language is your preferred language?
Is your language as difficult as ours?
How is the social cohesion in your country?
What are the benefits of learning your language?
What is the history of the flag?
How do the people especially the students live in Lithuania?
What does a normal day look like? I would like to detect common interests and differences between Lithuanian and German students.
What are the problems of students in Lithuania, for example, if it is difficult to get a job after your education?
Can you choose what kind of job you want to do? Are there limited vacancies?
Do the people in Lithuania feel European and what do they expect from the EU.

Romania

What are famous sights in Romania?
Tell me more about castle „Bram“ and the home of „Duke Dracula“
What about your coast line?
What are popular holiday resorts?
What are famous trading towns / harbours?

Basque Country

We have learned Spanish at school for two years now, but unfortunately we don't know much about the Basque country, its traditions and customs. Which customs do I have to consider, when I will travel to the Basque country?
How do I welcome other Basques?
Are there special Basque phrases or sayings or expressions?
At what time people go out in the evening and which cultural program do they prefer?
What are typical Basque beverages, which are drunk on fiestas?

Spain

Where is Santander located in Spain?
Is there something traditional in your lifestyle?
What are your favorite dishes?
What do you do in your free time, especially on weekends?
What is the weather like in summer/winter?
Do you have special (sport-)activities in your town?

What is special about your school?
How many lessons do you have every day?
What about short breaks or lunch breaks?
Have you got school in the afternoon or on Saturdays?
Are there any special subjects which you are taught in your school/town/country?
(e.g. chemical/electrical engineering)

Scotland

How do you brew Scottish Whiskey?
What is the background of your Kilt?
Was Highlander really a Scottish?
Is there something extraordinary about Scottish history?
Where in Scotland can you spend good holidays?