

**New Entrepreneur:** Danielle Kolanis – UK

**Host Entrepreneur:** Maria Grazia Pirina - Mine Vaganti NGO - Italy

*3 months in Italy*



Dani was planning on launching a business dealing with project management and delivery. Taking part in the programme in Italy, she reported that she improved her problem solving skills and adaptability by taking part in the programme.

She gained experience and knowledge of the sector through her various colleagues and other host entrepreneurs within the organisation she stayed in.

In her own words following a small interview we carried out:

**- A bit about you and a bit about the host and how you discovered the programme and why you decided to participate. Likewise for the host.**

My name is Dani Kolanis and I have a background in project delivery with experience in the non-profit, youth and arts sector.

I also have a background within theatre and the arts. I was informed about the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs scheme by a friend and therefore I wanted to combine my experience and learn how to write Erasmus KA1 youth projects and training courses with an arts focus.

**- some of the activities undertaken, examples of how you collaborated**

The activities that I undertook were mostly related to KA2 projects because the organisation no longer ran KA1 projects.

I assisted in the development of their dissemination presentations, activity reports, and editing and proofreading their materials.

I was also given some guidance about how to create and design KA2 projects with a sports

focus, and rewording their current projects so that they could be used again.

**- benefits achieved for you and for the host**

I gained an understanding about how the Erasmus+ framework operates and project funding guidelines. I also gained networking opportunities with my colleagues and understood Erasmus in Sardinia. I enjoyed the Sardinian culture and hospitality.

My host mostly gained the benefits of proofreading from a native English speaker for their projects. Most of the tasks I was assigned was related to proofreading various documents.

**- a quote about the exchange from you and one from your host**

"An interesting insight into the Sardinian reality of Erasmus project management!"