



Project Activities

DICAMP students @ CLIC

Three DICAMP students are visiting CLIC and tell us about their experiences so far.

1. What are you doing in your project studies at MOEZ and Uni Leipzig?

Khalil: For the project study at CLIC, I am working in the BRIDGE project to elaborate and conceptualize an E-learning platform adapted to the Tunisian context. My work focuses on the "Tunisian Cultural Barriers for Remote Learning: Developing an efficient E-learning platform". This work is based on the analysis of the Tunisian culture based on own experience, on interviews of Tunisian workers and also on other studies that have considered the Tunisian behavior towards new technology.

Zina: My project research in CLIC is on how to export remote services from Germany to Tunisia and my tasks are to determine the main challenges and barriers for exploring these services. Then, after I could identify a particular problem, which is technophobia, I'm working on building a model to reduce technophobia built on an existing model: the pride frustration model.

Mahmoud: My project: searching a model for "knowledge transfer service delivery". My contribution:

- frame the "knowledge transfer",
- elaborate the "process" of knowledge transfer (visualize the ICT role & localize the "services" of knowledge transfer),
- design the technological features of the tool (suggest a platform of apps to execute the services of knowledge transfer).

2. How do you like the city of Leipzig?

Zina: I like the city of Leipzig: it's a very beautiful city – like Goethe called it in Faust: "Leipzig, my little Paris". It's a city of art, poetry and culture. I always heard that Germany is "das Land der Dichter und Denker" (engl.: land of poets and thinkers). I can also say: "Leipzig ist die Stadt der Dichter und Denker" (Leipzig is the city of poets and thinkers).

Mahmoud: Amazing City; a city of art with a mixture of cultures; you can see all the world's faces in Leipzig; different nations and races living in peace. Leipzig's people are really lovely people.

Khalil: In Leipzig, I liked the calm and the charm of the city. I liked its monuments and museums that made you



Khalil, Zina and Mahmoud at the CLIC office

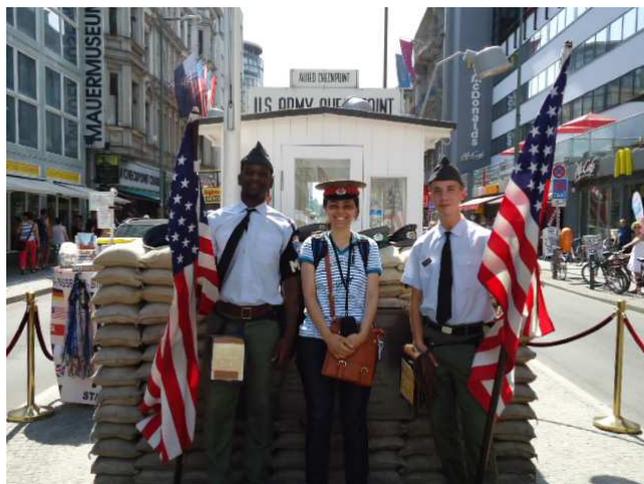
Schumann. Also, I liked the green spaces and lakes that reflect the harmony between modernity and nature.

3. What else did you see/ visit during your time in Germany?

Mahmoud: I am fascinated by the huge shopping centers in Leipzig city center.

Zina: I saw many museums in Leipzig. I liked the Völkerschlachtdenkmal (monument to the battle of nations), the Stadtgeschichtliches Museum (museum of the history of Leipzig), Museum in der Runden Ecke (museum on the GDR intelligence), the botanical garden, the Zoo of Leipzig, the Bach museum. I also went to Berlin where I saw many monuments: the Reichstag, the TV tower, the Berlin wall and the Checkpoint Charlie etc. I also tried the famous Bretzel.

Khalil: During my stay in Germany, I also visited the wonderful cities of Berlin and Prague.



Zina at Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin

4. What was your best experience so far in Germany?

Khalil: The best experience I had during my stay in Leipzig is the kindness and the generosity of the people I met in this city. The best experience is when you are invited by someone to spend some time out – in a park for picnic, in a garden of an old house for barbecue, in a cool restaurant with nice views... The best experience that could happen is when you meet new people, talk to them and exchange ideas about their country, your country and daily activities.

Zina: My best experience was my trip to Berlin: I will never forget how there was a train accident between Berlin and Dessau and all the trains went back to Berlin. The DB Company decided to do a compensation plan so that everybody went to Leipzig by taxi. I saw Berlin by night and I travelled through the highway of Berlin. The trip was cool morning by train and night by taxi.

5. What do you think is the major difference between Germany and Tunisia? (Could be anything: food, environment, weather, politics, etc.)

Zina: The major differences between Germany and Tunisia are:

Culture: In Germany, there are museums about everything, so tourism here is very rich. Every day is a new experience.

Nature: I realized it when I went to Cospudener See. We don't have lakes for swimming in Tunisia.

Food: Food is very delicious and I tried different food from many countries – Spanish food, Turkish food, German food, American food etc.

I liked living in a city where I found people from all over the world.



Felix, Stefan and Katja from CLIC enjoy icecream together with Mahmoud and Zina

I found many bookstores here, more than we have in Tunisia. I enjoy spending my time in the bookstore and I bought some books. I liked to see people singing and playing music everywhere in the city.

Khalil: The biggest difference between Tunisia and Germany is the spirit and commitment of citizens in all kinds of activities whether for leisure or business. Also, the difference is the strength of the state providing ideal and conducive infrastructure.

Mahmoud: For a person who used to read a lot on the net may not see a difference between countries and continents. However, I should mention that in Germany, there are more structures and facilities to innovate, and especially, people who know how to listen to 'crazy' ideas.

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Khalil, Yassine and CLIC's Felix in Prague