



## **THE AFTER EFFECT OF ADOBE AFTER EFFECTS**

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The uncountable coffee mugs, the tired eyes, the satisfaction of clicking send mail. You may ask what I am talking about, but I feel that deep down we all know what this is. The contentment of finishing a due project seconds before the deadline. Or what my life has been for the past 5 months.

But in no way do I regret embarking on the journey that STVN proved itself to be, for I blossomed into a better person. The tasks prompted me to always push my limits, learning how to cope with stress and lack of sleep in the process of perfecting my projects. There may have been some tears of frustration, the type that only losing the work you spent the last 5 hours on can create, but it was all for the best. Working on the videos opened my eyes towards a world I have never seen before, to details I may have never noticed. Had I not pushed myself to find the courage to take part in this programme, I would have remained the ignorant, bratty and most importantly, common, 11<sup>th</sup> grade student. Despite being a student in my school for almost eleven years, I had no idea of the complex planning behind every second of our scholastic lives. Peeking from behind a camera, I learnt of a world of teachers and knowledge I may have deemed a little tedious before, to be completely honest. But here comes STVN in the equation, a pair of glasses, much needed to see the world crystal clear.

The small After Effects window on my monitor stopped being just an editing program a long time ago, but became my life. I ate, I slept, I did my homework in front of the monitor, always eager to discover more secrets, deeply buried or out in the open. The countless YouTube tutorials watched late at night, the fights between team members for fonts and soundtracks, the hours spent in the lab are what flavoured my experience, for it would have been bland without the hardships. I learnt how important time managing and efficiency are, while discovering what friendship is. The first project was a team one and I have to admit that I felt blind folded most of the time. It was as if I had forgotten



everything I knew and the only thing keeping me afloat was the support of my team mates. And I must thank them. Who knows if I would have managed to get here, to have the opportunity to visit Pardubice with them, to learn new things, to understand the importance of hard work in life if they hadn't been my emotional support back then. I have to admit that I found the power to continue even when everything seemed doomed only because I had so many people cheering me on. And that's the most important thing that STVN did for me. Besides facing real life, bursting out of my pink bubble, I stopped taking for granted the love and friendship of the ones around me. Not to say that the editing skills I achieved during these 5 months are futile, but I find that these type of programmes work towards making their participants better people. Full rounded citizens, motivated and determined.

My only regret would be that I refused to break out of my cage of anxiety when I first had the opportunity to participate. I thought that I had no chance, that this was out of my area of abilities and it was pointless for me to even try. Could I have ever been more wrong in my life? Probably not, which is why I would to prompt everyone that will ever be in my position to grab the chance and to hold on tight, because it pays off. STVN has been one of the best experiences I had throughout my high school years and it changed me completely. While my last months may appear to have been only about After Effects and Filmora, the plethora of editing programs I had to master may have reformed me on a molecular level, because I find the old me to have lived eons ago. And for this I would like to thank everyone, from the teachers involved in writing this project to all my colleagues, which kept the competition fair and me on edge all the time. Thank you from all my heart.



## **A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE**

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School Television News is a project that has encouraged us to learn, create and share. The objective was to initiate us into the vast expanse of the world of journalism and what it truly means. That and more has been accomplished.

It all started with the extracurricular activities that made us realize there was more to journalism than we could have ever imagined. After visiting institutions like the journalism club at "The Children's Palace" and the television center of Bacau, "Tele 1 Bacau", we were able to catch a glimpse of a true journalist's duties. Learning about programs that journalists themselves use, the techniques they put into the articles they write and all the factual research they do in order to be able to write quality articles has not only opened our eyes but also captivated us.

Moreover, sharing great experiences with the talented students and teachers, that we have had the pleasure to cooperate with and to host during their visit in Romania, has been wonderful due to all of bonds we have managed to create and the cherished feeling of togetherness that comes with the rewarding knowledge we have gathered.

We all did our best, surpassing our limitations and discovering more and more about who we truly are as individuals. Last but not least, I think we owe a big "Thank you!" to our teachers who gave it their all so that we may have this opportunity to show what we are capable of, not only to others but also to ourselves. We would not have been here without them.



Effort, time and resources have been put into this project, from both our esteemed teachers and our hardworking students, but personally I think it paid off for this has now become our story of success.



## **Me and the project School TV News**

This project has given me a lot, much more than I expected. Of course it was a great opportunity to practise my English, but it wasn't just that. For me, it gave me much more.

Not only that I have learnt how to write screenplay or how much it takes to translate it to English, but I've also got a better ability to work with people, to talk to strangers, to be less shy when I speak English and I enjoyed each activity very much. Overall, engagement into the project was a valuable experience.

I've also met many people from different nationalities, could hear their language, observe their habits, personalities and countries when we visited Romania and Hungary. It was a big experience. But (I made many friends not only among foreigners but also new Czech ones) I've met a lot of Czech people. Some of them came to my life and made it much brighter and happier, people I never want to leave. I would never believe this project would give me so much. I have no regrets I joined it, because even though I had to do some extra work, it was really worth it.

So my feelings about this project are positive, everything worked as we wanted, our School Television News are well made, we have learnt a lot about making them, how to shoot the right scenes, choose the right topics, write the screenplays, record the commentaries, cut the scenes, work in team. I'm glad I could be a part of this project, because it made me grow as a person, changed my life and my thoughts. I gained new (experience and experiences) experiences and met amazing friends. It was one of the best choices in my life to join it.

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## ERASMUS KA2+ SCHOOL EDUCATION

Erasmus KA2+ is an European Union student study programme which enables to students involved in the project an opportunity to share and gain new experience, meet people from abroad and also observe traditions, cultures of the nationalities that they visit..

In my opinion, this project has given me a lot of experience, experiences and skills during its course. The most valuable skill that i have got and improved was teamwork. Working with not just our nationality, but also with the other people from other countries. Communicating and planning all sorts of work was working smoothly. Some complications occurred, but we managed to overcome them. English was also one of the most important tool of communication. Talking and writing in English during the project has given me many opportunities to open my mind and express myself to the others. Meeting new people was always fun and interesting at the same time. We were sometimes shy, but we always found the way how to talk to each other. While speaking, making conversations and moderating, i have gained a lot of self-confidence, being scared and shy gradually gone away. And I can feel (this improvement of my personality every day, it helps me very much)) it till this day. Visiting a hosting nationality and undergoing their programme was always exiting. When we visited each partner country, everybody gave us a very warm welcome and cheerful atmosphere. Every school prepared a very interesting and funny programme. Not just learning, practising our branch such as programming and hardware, but we also participated in Physics, History, Science and many other subjects. For instance, one the most interesting tasks that we had to do was creating videos. We were always excited to shoot many scenes and I cannot remember any bad moments that we had at that time. We enjoyed a very great fun throughout the making videos. Visiting schools, sights and towns of the hosting countries was always interesting. Every time we had to leave the state, we were sad that we had to go.

But what I have to say about the project ? My opinion is that, if the students have an opportunity to join it, they can learn and improve their knowledge, personalities and get very many experiences. Teamwork, English, Communicating, planning and many other valuable skills. And that's why I consider this project to be successful.

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## IMPACT OF THE PROJECT STVN

The work in the project School Television News has brought many positive contributions to everyone who joined it. First, let me briefly introduce you to the project. The STVN is about making school television news, as the project title says. We had to make news about everyday lives in our schools and about interesting events, that happened in our school. We also had to make videos about our city, and about visits in our partners schools and cities. We also had to introduce our countries and homes to our new friends from foreign countries.

I personally can feel the positive contribution of the project for me. I've learned many interesting things about cultures and daily lives of our partners from foreign countries. I've seen many beautiful places in Romania and in Hungary too. I've met the hospitality of these nations. Maybe more important is personal development that I experienced. I am not afraid of public speaking or speaking in foreign language anymore. And I found that I can cooperate with people speaking other languages.

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