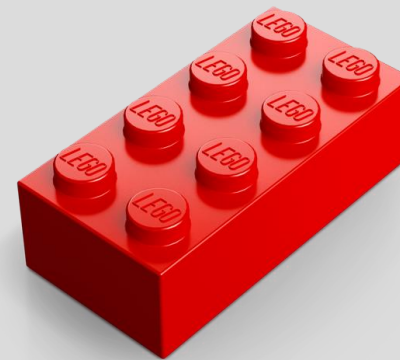
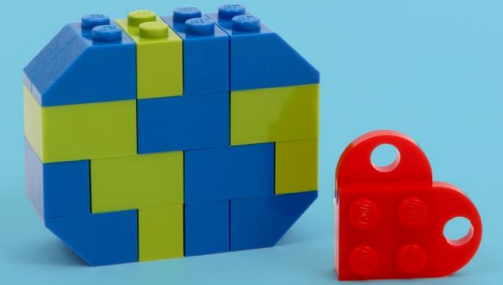




• Erasmus+ 2026

EUC Lillebælt - LEGO System A/S - IKEA

- Week 19 & 20
Benjamin & Mathias
- Warehouse and logistic operators





About the Company

Facts about IKEA

- Founded in 1943 in Sweden by **Ingvar Kamprad**
- round **231,000 employees worldwide** (latest estimates)
- 494 stores worldwide**
- Operates in around **60 countries**

Germany (specifically):

- One of IKEA's biggest markets in the world
- Around **50+ stores in Germany**
- Approximately **20,000+ employees in Germany**

Extra facts:

- IKEA is known for flat-pack furniture and DIY assembly
- The name IKEA comes from Ingvar Kamprad's initials + Elmtaryd (farm) + Agunnaryd (village)
- IKEA is part of the Ingka Group, which runs most IKEA stores globally





About us

Mathias:

Mathias is a 2nd year apprentice at The LEGO Group set to finish his education in 2027



Benjamin:

Benjamin is a 3rd year apprentice at The LEGO Group set to finish his education in summer 2026



Week 1

First Week in Düsseldorf – IKEA

During our first week in Düsseldorf, we were welcomed at IKEA and introduced to the company and its working environment. We learned a lot about safety procedures and how the IKEA Group operates. We also received work clothes and got introduced to the different logistics tasks in the store.

Throughout the week, we were accompanied by Lucas Lasota, Team Leader in Logistics, and Connie, who is a Logistics Apprentice. On Tuesday and Thursday, we attended the German vocational school together with Connie to learn more about the German education system.

On Thursday, we also participated in the school's Europatag (Europe Day) celebration, which is one of the bigger events at the school.



Week 2

Second Week in Düsseldorf – IKEA

During our second week at IKEA, we spent most of the time working with the daily logistics tasks. We quickly became more confident in the different tasks and were able to handle many of them on our own.

We worked a lot in the Click & Collect area, where customers pick up their orders. Benjamin mainly worked in the Self Serve area helping customers and handling products, while Mathias worked more in the warehouse area with Customer Direct Pickup tasks.

Throughout the week, we learned a lot about how logistics work inside a large IKEA store and how important timing and planning are to make everything run smoothly. Thursday was a national holiday in Germany, so we had the day off from work.



Dusseldorf/Freetime

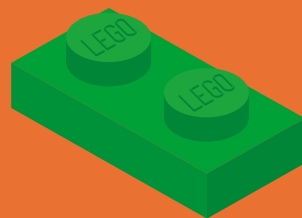
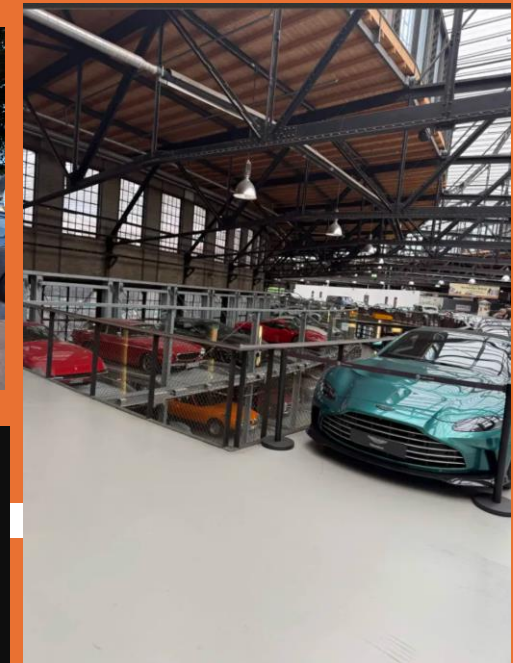
Activities and Experiences Outside of Work

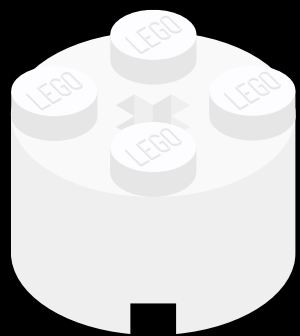
During the first week after school on Tuesday, we visited some of Mathias's good friends in the Netherlands. They run a small business selling LEGO and have their own small logistics operation. It was very interesting to see how their business and logistics setup worked in practice.

On Wednesday after work, we visited the old town in Düsseldorf together with some teachers from the school, other Danish participants, and one Spanish Erasmus+ participant. We enjoyed good food, drinks, and had a great time talking together.

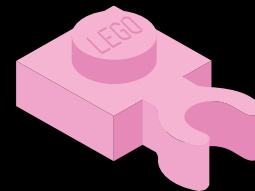
As mentioned earlier, we had Thursday in the second week off because of a national holiday. We used the free time to explore the Rheinturm in Düsseldorf and experience more of the city.

During the 2-week stay, we used the e-bikes in town a lot to get around, often quicker and easier than using a car.





Evaluation



Recommending Erasmus

In conclusion, we would both recommend Erasmus to anyone who really enjoys experiencing different cultures and meeting new people. It has been an exciting trip all the way through, and we feel that everyone with even a small interest in culture and new experiences should try it at least once. It is a great opportunity to learn, grow, and see the world from a different perspective.

