

# The first week in Cork

Erasmus 2025

# Meeting with the family

- The introduction went quite smoothly despite some initial nervousness
- The house was beautiful, we got our own room and bathroom



# New enviroment

- On the very first day, we walked to the center of Cork, which took us about an hour
- Copared to the Czech republic we were surprised by the significantly narrower streets and the fact that almost every intersection has traffic lights (which almost body seems to respect)
- The drivers of the local doubledecker buses are true masters of their craft, as very few people would dare to drive such a large vehicle in such an enviroment the way they do

# New enviroment



# Trip to Cobh

- On Monday, there was a public holiday in Ireland, so we decided to visit the port town of Cobh.
- In addition to the beautiful houses and the waterfront, the legendary Titanic also made a stop here, and a museum was built in its honor.



# Trip to Cobh



The train ride



Streets of Cobh



Titanic harbour



Museum of the Titanic

# First day in work

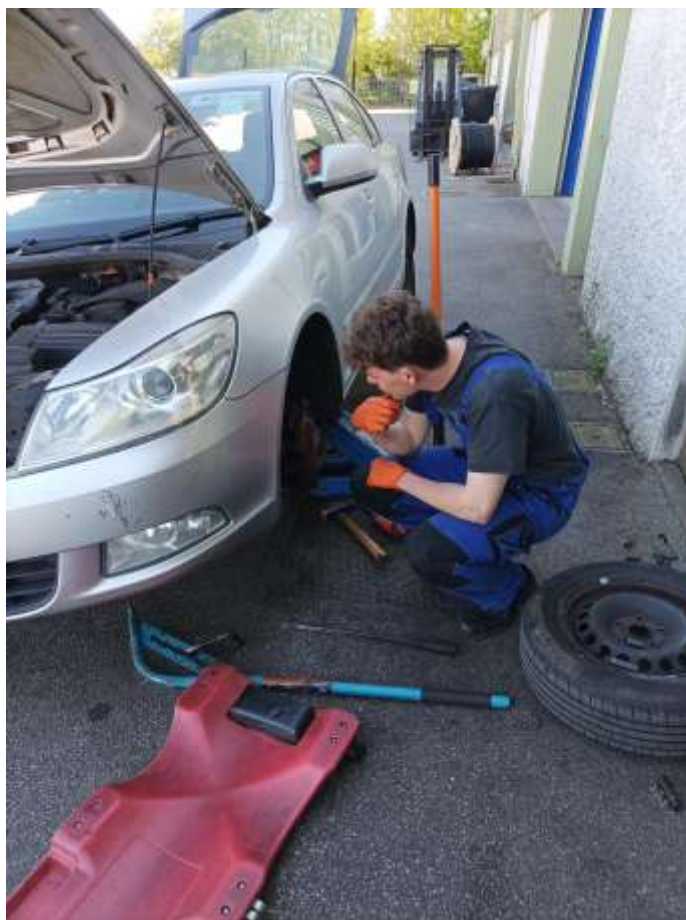
- On Tuesday morning, we visited the CTI building, where they told us what our internship would look like and gave us some tips about Ireland.
- After that, we headed to our assigned workplaces.
- Practically as soon as we arrived, we got straight to work. Our first task was to replace most of the bulbs in a second-generation Škoda Octavia, which turned out to be more of a challenge than we expected. In the end, with the help of our supervisors, we managed to get it done.

# Work

- Our work took place at the Car Gas Systems auto repair shop, where, among other repairs, they specialize in converting traditional petrol and diesel engines to gas-powered ones.
- Our boss was from Poland and his name was Robert. Also working in the garage were Anzor from Georgia and Valerii and Jarek from Ukraine.
- They all spoke Polish among themselves and only occasionally exchanged some basic English with us.



# Work



Octavia repair



The workshop



Support for Pakistan

# Work

- The following days weren't so easy for us, until they realized at work that we weren't mechanics, but mechanical engineering students.
- They started giving us simpler tasks like changing wheels, brakes, and lights. For the more complex jobs, we mostly just observed, and our supervisors explained things more through gestures than with English.
- Gradually, they're starting to trust us more and we're building a relationship with them, so we hope to get involved in more interesting tasks in the coming weeks.

# Work





# Trip to Cork

- On Saturday, we went on a trip to Cork together.



# Trip to Ballincollig

- We ended the week with a nature trip to the outskirts of a town called Ballincollig.

