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Institution, which organised the event	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
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From the 6th to the 9th of April, we, Erasmus cadets, had the chance to take part in the parachuting course with the 4th year cadets. We already followed this course in Belgium and we already jumped but jumping again and especially abroad was a great opportunity!

So, the first day, we started with the theoretical part. Basically, almost everything



was the same as what we learned in our country. The second day, we put into practice what we learned the day before. Everything was explained in Lithuanian but some cadets were translating for us.



On Thursday, at 10.45 am we left the academy for the air base in Šiauliai. We arrived there around 02.00 pm and repeated some of the most important parts. Then, we got ready: prepared parachutes in pairs, they were checked by the instructors and had general repetition in the plane, which was the Spartan C27J. The group was cut in 2: 24 cadets were jumping first and then the plane came back to pick the remaining 24 ones. We were in the second group, which means that we jumped around 08.20 pm.



The weather was amazing and the sun was going down. In the plane, everybody was silent and listened to the instructions. The jump was great and the view was wonderful. We all landed well and much softer than the landing we had in Belgium. This is because the MAL's parachute (MC1-1D) is different from ours and here we had to face the wind to land which made us slow down. The other reason is that we landed on sand.

To sum up, it was an amazing day! We are so grateful that we could jump and it will remain one of the best memories of our Lithuanian experience!

