

Erasmus+ project in Estonia

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Day 1: The arrival

May 11th, 2019

At 11:30, we started our bus ride from Tartu to Tallinn to pick up the Hungarian and the Belgian exchange students from the Tallinn Airport.

The Hungarian students arrived at 14:05, after that we all went together to The Seaplane Harbour. After looking around there, we ate some lunch together and went back to the airport to pick up the Belgian students.



Their flight was delayed so we had to wait for them a bit longer but it was all good because we were really excited to see them again. After their arrival we started our bus ride back to Tartu.

The Germans came to Tartu with their own separate bus and arrived at 21:00

When we arrived to Tartu, everyone who didn't come to Tallinn could reunite with their exchange students. Then it was time to go home and rest.

Day 2: Home hospitality

May 12th, 2019

For today, the Estonian students had to organize the day. Elisabeth doesn't live with her family so she took Matisse to meet her family. They grilled and discussed about different topics, played board games and Elisabeth's mother even showed her baby pictures to her exchange student.

On the evening, all the Estonian-Belgian exchange students went to Liisa's cottage to spend some time together in the nature. We had some delicious pasta made by Johannes and Liisa and some rhubarb cake made by Johannes' mother. We showed the real sauna traditions to the Belgians and we even got so swim in a pond. After all that we made a campfire and baked some bread with the fire. We ate the bread with some jam and it was delicious. Then we all went home to rest.



Day 3: The first project day!

May 13th, 2019

On Monday, we started our day with a school tour so the exchange students wouldn't get lost. Then we had some warm-up activities, which helped us to get to know each other more. After that, our teacher formed groups and introduced us the main topics.

Then we got to eat lunch in the school canteen. After finishing our food, we got a lecture in the school canteen about "Eco-cuisine and eco-food".



Before starting with our project work, Johannes introduced us how to make a digital story.

After project work Mirjam gave us a presentation about Estonia and then the exchange students hanged up their materials about their country and school for others.

Finally, it was time for food court, where everyone could taste the foods from other countries. Everyone could visit the food court but not many people outside the project came there. The food from other countries was really interesting and delicious.



Day 4: Food bank and the EUoLS Organic Centre

May 14th, 2019

On Tuesday, we started our day with an overview about the last day and did some warm-up exercises and some project work. After that we left to food bank to get some new knowledge about the system of food bank, people in need and food waste.

When we arrived back to school, the Belgians gave us a presentation about their country, their hometown, Waregem; about their school and food waste in Belgium. After the presentation we were happy to have finally lunch.

Lunch finished, we headed to the organic centre of Estonian University of Life Sciences. Elen Peetsmann gave us an interesting and very informative lecture about organic food, then we had a little tour in the garden and around the centre.



Day 5: The bog!

May 15th, 2019

On Wednesday, we started with an overview about the last day, had some warm-up exercises and continued with our project work.

Then we had a city tour guided by our teacher Aare Ristikivi. Both Elisabeth and Juudit had prepared a city game for the other students. We made riddles for others to guess, which place they had to visit and take a picture with.



After the hunt, it was time for us to familiarize with Germany. The Germans made a great presentation, where they introduced us their country, school, traditions etc.

Before starting bus ride, we had some lunch at the school canteen.

First we were headed to Sūvahavva's organic farm, where we saw how an organic farm works and how difficult it actually is to keep it running. We learned about the life of an organic farmer and even got to taste and purchase their herbal teas.



Finally, we got to the Meenikunno bog, where we walked through the hiking trail and visited the tower there. The weather was good and it was really beautiful there. Everyone took pictures and the foreigners were really amazed because they don't have this kind of nature in their countries.

Day 6: Fair trade and summaries

May 16th, 2019

On Thursday, we started the day again with an overview about the last day and some new interesting warm-up exercises. We continued with our digital stories until the lecture about fair trade which was given by Jaanus Välja.



After that we could get new knowledge about Hungary and Hungarian students school. The presentation was very exhaustive. After having a lunch, we could polish our digital stories. When every group was ready, we presented our digital stories to the other students. Everyone had done a great job! We finished off the day with doing summaries about past week. In the evening teachers had a dinner all together, what was organized by the HTG's management.

Day 7: A lot to do..

May 17th, 2019

Very early in the morning, Germans had to say goodbye to their exchange students, because their bus to the airport was already leaving 6am. Others started their day 3 hours later in school. After a quick overview about the last day, we headed to the house of ecology. We had quite practical workshop there about energy of food and how to eat sustainably.



Back in school, we introduced to our exchange students our inside pentanque field and taught them to play it. When the winners were clear, we played a Kahoot about all the exchange countries.

After quick lunch, we headed to the science centre of AHHAA, what was very intriguing. Investigated the museum, we had a free afternoon. We took belgians to souvenir shopping and for a dinner.



In the evening we had a concert of the folk dance ansambel Tantsutallad.



Day 8 : the leaving

May 18th, 2019

We started our way to Tallinn quite early, because we wanted to show our exchange students our beautiful Old Town of Tallinn. After we had walked around in the Old Town and heard historical background of that from Aare Ristikivi, we headed to the airport with Belgians. At the same time we had to say goodbye to our Belgian friends, Hungarians had a lunch.

Came back to the city centre, we went to souvenir shopping until Hungarians had to catch their plane. After a quite emotional goodbye, we headed back to Tartu.