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First a security check just like at the airport, but everything was fine and everybody was allowed to visit the huge institution. Weh ad met some of the MEPs with their little suitcases in the tramway and you knew that they were going to the parliament for work just as we did. The MEPs mostly wore a blue or black suit, so it was a very elegant dress-code.

When we entered the hemicycle I was impressed by the size of it. It is such a big room with so many seats for the MEPs. I was excited and grateful to get the chance of following a real debate about the situation of women and children in Ukraine. It was very, very interesting and awesome how fast the different translators were able to translate the speeches in such a short time.

I felt very angry, ashamed and disappointed at the moment when a German MEP from the AfD party expressed himself about the fakenews that women were the victims of the war in Ukraine. It was so outrageous how he spoke about the suffering women and it still hurts me how some people can have these bad thoughts.

I think it is important to have a look into the parliament’s work because you get an inside view of how the political system, the laws and the decisions about Europe are made. It also shows you how much work and time the MEPs have to invest in their job They have a very strict and fully planned day. But it also makes you proud of the cohesion between the countries, how strong they are and what they can achieve together. So I really, really appreciated that!