



THE ADVENTURE ERASMUS-LEA

CHAPTER FRANCE

MY PEN-FRIEND

- My pen pal's name was Bartosz Wrzesiński, a 17 year old boy from Poland. We got along quite quickly because we both like football, especially Fc Barcelona, and he was very nice. We still exchange regularly via social networks.



AN IMPORTANT VISIT

- The visit that impressed me the most was the visit to the Evian production centre. I found it interesting to discover Evian's production techniques so that the company's profitability is maximised (speed of bottling, materials used, use of robots, organisation of the factory). The moment that I appreciated the most was when we saw the e.packaging of the bottles because we could see the marketing techniques used in the different productions in order to optimize the sales tactics (white bottle in Asia, black pack for travelling).



KNOWLEDGE PROVIDED

- On Tuesday, we first went for a walk in the medieval village of Yvoire, it was very nice, we bought a baguette to reinforce the French clichés and to eat. Then, we visited the Evian factory, thanks to this, we were made aware of the problem of recycling, the use of robots and the preservation of the purity of the water. In addition, we went to the place where the spring is used. We learned how the spring works, with the glacial moraine, the different layers of rock...



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- On Wednesday we went to the Hydrelec museum at the Grand'Maison dam. During this visit, we saw spectacular industrial machines, learned about the different types of dams and the history of hydroelectricity. All this was based on physics, so it was necessary to mobilise the knowledge acquired last year in physics, so it was complex...



- I found it a bit like propaganda because at no point were the ecological disadvantages of dams mentioned. It is a pity because it is interesting to discuss the advantages/disadvantages of energy solutions. The knowledge acquired during this visit was deepened by a visit to the nearby EDF centre, where we watched slide shows explaining the issues of a dam.

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- On Friday afternoon, we visited the Annecy wastewater treatment plant (SILA).
- In the programme, the stages of filtration and purification of water up to the separation of organic matter producing methane and clean water.



STORIES ABOUT THE TRIP

- At home, I was playing table football with my pen-friend and suddenly, for absolutely no reason, he started singing "Aux champs Élysées", that was kinda awkward but still pretty funny.
- On Thursday evening, we were all in Annecy eating fast food in the Jardin de l'Europe and at some point, Polish people went 5m away. They took a Mont Blanc 1L beer out of a bag and all five drank it. As they were in the darkness they thought we wouldn't see them. I suppose they still think they were discreet.

