

Erasmus+ diary Finland

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Day 1

I met all fellow-passengers in the counter of Lufthansa. When everybody there was we checked in, besides, I went through an explosive test. Then we waited at the airport at our first airplane that brought us to Munich. It was a small machine only four seats in a row. We flew about 1 half an hour, before we landed in Munich and were brought by a coach above the landing field to the airport. There we spent next time before we in a bigger machine (6seats per row) in the direction of Helsinki flew. On the flight we chose between drinks and a cheese or sausage sandwich. Also we got a small plain chocolate. The flight was a quiet flight and we certainly landed in Helsinki airport. There we hit for the first time on our later team members. We did not hesitate long, but rose in a coach together with the Scots, Estonians and Italians. This coach brought us during from 3 to 2. 5-hour journey to Sastamala. Directly before the school of our Finnish exchange partners, there I hit on my hostess, Ella. This still accommodated another girl, Jennifer from Scotland. Together we got to know Ellas father, this brought us by the car to her nearby house. Then there mother and a white Labrador, called Casper welcomed me. Then Ella showed us the house and our rooms. These were the rooms of her big brothers, because these had already taken off both, at the moment they stayed empty. All together the house unbelievable was affectionate and furnished comfortably. To the strengthening Ellas mother had provided vegetables and fruit to us to the dinner. In addition to different breads, spreads and layers. Together we ate by evening, because Jennifer and me from the trip was tired we went to bed after food.

Day 2

6:30 o'clock I was woken up by Ella. Shortly after we sat too third again at the culinary table and had breakfast bread with layer and yoghurt. Also tea and coffee was ready. Then after this first strengthening it was also to be gone to school time. We dressed everybody warmly with cap and scarf and dared in the early morning cold. Fortunately, Ella lives not far away on the school, therefore, we had only one short footpath of about 6 min before ourselves had. The school in Sastamala was a red brick building with a white cultivation. With enter into the school many stands on the right side struck directly. The students hung up there her jackets.

(We was announced that one would carry at school slippers. However, this would not be moved by the upper class steps any more.) In the input space on the left side I discovered different sofas, standing tables, drinks machine and even an intercity express pinball machine. After we had hung up our jackets in the input area, we followed Ella in the first floor to step there in the gymnasium of the school. There chairs were built up before a stage. Students stood or sat distributed in the space. Sometime everything formed and everybody found a place on the chairs.

It started with a short Introductory presentation of Antii which was very informative. Then there was a break with coffee and buns. A guidance of students followed this by the school. They showed us the teaching rooms, day rooms and various other rooms. Then the next program point, a class came in in Finnish. In addition we were divided into the team and then were assigned in the team two Finns. We start with the basics, like, hello and bye. After some time rotated the groups, to two other Finns. With these we played time, with help of a text, short everyday talks. We still rotated twice and, besides, got to know new Finns and Finnish sentences. About 11:00 o'clock we finished lesson and went together for lunch. There was rice with shredded and salad. Nevertheless, in the contrast to the German canteen this was built up like a sideboard. After the lunchbreak everybody met in the gymnasium again. There we composed the international teams for the panel discussion. Together with the team we went to a teaching space around ourselves about first something of getting to know of starting afterwards, however, already with the preparation for the discussion. In addition we collected first all our knowledge in a document and investigated afterwards something else on the Internet (This was very comfortable by the free Internet connection in the whole school). Then the next program point, a class came in Finnish.

Day 3

This morning I was woken up especially early, because the bus went to Helsinki early. We had breakfast again bread and fruit and afterwards came along on the way after to the school. Before the school already waited the coach which should bring us in the Finnish capital. We went again about 2. 5 hours in the coach. Besides, admired I fell snow-covered scenery and many trees in the street edge. In Helsinki come parking the coach something off the parliament. We got out everybody and ran the short distance. Before the inspection could begin, however, we had to do everybody, like at the airport, by a security check. Behind it two visitor's leaders already expected us. I filed my things and joined to my team members. We got a guidance by the Finnish parliament building. A young woman led us around and answers to us every question. After the guidance we met everybody in a space again. There was tea and coffee and a member of parliament something told us about the politics. After this interesting talk, we left

the building and now had to work on free time around with our team our duties. We went to a department store and ate something, then we made to ourselves on the way ours prescribed place. By chance we met there another team and united. Because these your places had already visited, we came along on the way to a museum. The entry was free and the pieces of art modern. When we the museum had once crossed our spare time was again, therefore, we went back to the coach. Then by the coach we went again back to Sastamala, there we arrived around between 19 and 20 o'clock. I searched Ella and Jennifer and together we went to Ella. There was already food, crowd. Then we went to bed.

Day 4

Against 6:30Uhr I was woken up again. For the breakfast there was bread with cold cuts again. Then Ellas father brought us to a hotel. To this hotel was with special Outdoor activities equipped. First we were in the row with bowling. We played in before assigned teams. So the second point was the football matches. Unfortunately, the big ball was broken, which is why we played with a normal football. On the snow this was quite strenuous. Then as the next stood, cross-country skiing on the plan. Besides, we lead on away by the wood. Two Finnish schoolgirls accompanied us and helped us with go. Because our group was slow a little bit we could not drive the complete distance, but turned round after a while and went back. There other schoolboys already expected the skis. Also the bicycles were already ready. This was our next program point. We lead the same way like with the ski, only wide, because we got on the bicycle. We lead again in the wood and overtook the skiers fast. However, also by the bicycles we soon turned round to come to the hut with food. There we ate grilled sausages with sauce and as a dessert pancake with jam or syrup. However, we would soon have to go further around at last still sledge to go. We went behind the hotel to a small mountain and lead with sledge. Then the time also was again around at the hotel we warmed up ourselves and would be fetched, finally, at Ellas father. Then with Ella we drank tea with little place, while Ellas mother cooked the lunch. There was rice with chicken. Then in the evening it should go in a hut. Because we still had time, we caught to a film to look. The time handled fast and father already brought us Ellas to a hut in the wood. There everybody brought something to food. When finally everybody was there the sauna would be opened. I went with the other to the sauna. There were two infusions on one quick excursion outside followed. We recurred this order about three times to us again drawn around the next ones in the sauna to let. So again in the hut we ate almost everybody for the moment something. And if the others allowed to have a sauna. Thus also passed the evening to the teachers had the idea that every nation should sing a typical song. We sang from Germany: "Tighten the carriage". Then we went over again in talks and eat to us were fetched. With Ella we went to bed everybody again fast.

Day 5

Again I was woken up at 6:30 o'clock. [. . .] At school coming, everybody met in the gymnasium. When some rest had called in, a few students introduced to us a presentation. The presentation was about the history of the Finnish democracy. Also we got up to the lunchbreak time to meet over again in the teams and to prepare for the panel discussion. In addition I went with my team to the upper area of the school in which everywhere seat opportunities were ready. For the lunch we met everybody again in the canteen of the school in the basement. To food there were potatoes and sausages and, as usual, salad. After food we worked in teams again on the discussion. We collected different arguments and discussed. After the compulsory program Ella shows us a nice café nearby. There we ate typically Finnish cake and drank hot chocolates. From the café we went to a museum. The museum showed the history of the books. By many models and drawings I understood in spite of the foreign language a lot. After the museum visit we went to Ella, filed our things and then went sleigh-riding. On the small mountain we still met other Erasmus participant. Though the mountain was not so big, was driven on, however, a lot. However, after some time everybody had frozen solid, therefore, we said goodbye and went again to Ella. There her mother with food already expected us. There was smoked salmon with broccoli and mashed potatoes. Ellas father had caught the salmon days before itself and also had burnt incense in the evening in the garden. From the dining table we moved our entertainment in the sitting room and played Kimble (like the German "person more badly you not"). Later we caught in watching TV to look. Besides, struck that in the Finnish watching TV mostly German and different foreign productions ran. Therefore, it was also worked a lot with subtitle. About midnight we became all tired, therefore, we went to bed soon afterwards.

Day 6

Again get up at 6:30 o'clock, have breakfast and to the school. At school we met in the assembly hall, heard an address and distributed us then with our teams about the school. There we refined our arguments further and prepared the Italian speaker Thomaso for the discussion. Up to break we worked on the arguments. After the break it was to be taken in the time for the well-chosen the places on the stage. On the stage speakers of every nationality were represented once. In addition, sat on the stage one more girl who was very active in the politics and a politician. The whole gymnasium still filled with Finnish students. The whole discussion was on English and was presented by two Finns, in addition. The subject was: *"Political*

participation of young people". The discussion lasted long in was, nevertheless, very excitingly, all participants could represent her opinion well. After the discussion there was for the moment lunchbreak. The lunch in the canteen consisted of potatoes, meatballs and gravy. Also Slat was to be found in the bar. Stood, in addition, a lot on the drinks like water and milk in boundless measure at the possession. The gymnasium was the meeting place after the lunch again. There we also delivered a feedback and our opinion about the discussion. Then we went to our guest families, there we prepared ourselves for the dinner. Because this, however, later in the evening was we still had to play time again Kimble to drink tea and to eat cake. Finally, we were brought by the car to the arranged restaurant. There were salads to eat salmon, rissoles and mashed potatoes. We sat in group tables and talked about the last week. Then later we went together in to the restaurant connected pub to sing there karaoke or to play Dart. Early we had to leave the pub again because of the legal times for persons under age. We would be fetched again and would be driven to the guest family. There we went to bed everybody, because we were everybody dog-tired and wanted to be fit for the trip the next day.

Day 7

There was breakfast again and we got provisions for the trip. Before of the school already there waited the coach, before we got adopted we to us, nevertheless, everybody warmly. Heavy heart everybody got at the end and we lead in the direction of Helsinki. In Helsinki we went about the harbour to set down the Estonians, ran to the airport. At the airport we said goodbye to the Italians and Scots and rose soon afterwards in our airplane to Frankfurt. In Frankfurt come there were some problems with the suitcases. On detours we got them, nevertheless, also to us rose in the intercity express in the direction of Stuttgart. Then in the Stuttgart central station the ways separated. Some were fetched by the car or lead by train home as well as me. With it Ending then also felt him the Finland trip.