



ERASMUS+ IN ESTONIA

SMART AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Introduction

On the 4th of October, students from Scotland, Italy, Finland, Germany and Estonia came together in Lääne Ühisgümnaasium to work on an Erasmus+ project, with the topic being renewable energy and the smart use of energy.

The students were put into four different groups with their own objective in mind, with the aforementioned topic being the overarching goal.

In the proceeding days, we gathered information on the topic by visiting different facilities that are specialized in this area, ranging from university lecturers to energy consumption scientists.



Photo group interview

- Their goals were to make more international friends, improve their language skills and learn about other cultures
- In their opinion, their group is fine and they are very happy with the work they have done
- Especially enjoyed the nature walk, because it was very satisfying and relaxing
- To save energy, they always try to turn off the lights
- In conclusion, they are pleased with the outcome of the project

Blog group interview

- Their main goals were to see Estonia and experience Estonian culture, work in international groups and practice their english skills by talking with people from other countries
- The creation of the webpage was their objective. They also participated in other activities
- They like their group and the group tasks were divided well. Each country wrote a small article about their country
- Their favourite activities were hiking on the nature and escape room. Escape room was fun for them and hiking was blinding(stunning nature)
- All in all, they enjoyed the week and its activities
- They always try to turn off the lights, in order to lessen energy usage

Video group interview

- Their main goals were to learn about renewable energy in other countries, get to know new people, and learn Estonian culture
- Their task was to create a video for the Project, that sums up the week.
- They are satisfied with the group and they kinda divided all the work. Everyone filmed a small portion
- Their favourite activities were hiking and visiting museums
- In their opinion, all the places were interesting, but some of them did not relate with the topic, for example, Ice Age Center. They also think we did not have enough time for group works, (would have preferred hour or 2 in a day) but overall, they enjoyed their time in Estonia
- They shower cold, because then water boiler uses less energy. They also think, that insulating the houses is a good way to lessen the use of energy

Brochure group interview

- ▶ Their main goals were to make friends, learn about renewable energy and Estonian culture and also improve our language skills
- ▶ Their task was to make a brochure
- ▶ The group divided the tasks and everyone performed well
- ▶ Their favourite activities were hiking and sitting together in the evenings
- ▶ They were not happy that they could not spend enough time with the people, because each day was fully packed with program
- ▶ They turn off the lights after leaving the room


Teachers' interview

What did you enjoy the most about the project?

- ▶ **Germany-** I enjoyed to be together with all the nations, also to see how other teachers teach and to spend time together.
- ▶ **Scotland-** I enjoyed meeting new people and seeing people i already know.
- ▶ **Italy-** I liked that the kids were together and working together for the project.
- ▶ **Finland-** Students were interacting and were communicating with one another

Did you enjoy the time in Estonia?

- ▶ **Scotland**-Yes, I have never been to Estonia before and i learned a lot about Estonia.
- ▶ **Italy**- I enjoyed it because i met new people and the weather was nice.



Did you miss your home country while you were here?

- ▶ **Germany-** No, because i have been to Estonia before and hosted few Estonians, so i already knew few Estonians from this project.
- ▶ **Finland-**No, because i like to be abroad and to see new things.

What are your thoughts on sustainable energy?

- ▶ **Germany**- It's important and we fight about it constantly.
- ▶ **Scotland**- Sustainable energy is important in Scotland and we have a problem about the plastic in the world.
- ▶ **Italy**- I hope that all the countries work together to make a better world.
- ▶ **Finland**- I would like to see the world use sustainable energy so there would be less pollution and it would be better for the environment.

If you were project organizers what would you do differently?

- ▶ **Germany**- I would change nothing about the project because it was very well organized.
- ▶ **Scotland**- I would change nothing because the project was well organized and eventful.
- ▶ **Italy**- It was nice and i would have liked to see the school more and experience the school better.
- ▶ **Finland**- I would have given more time on the second day for the teams to process the information.

Program for: Wednesday 3rd

- ▶ All the students and teachers from the foreign countries travelled to Tallinn by plane or ferry and then continued to Tartu by bus.
- ▶ We arrived at different times but still got to know each other shortly in the corridor in our hotel.

Program for: Thursday 4th

Our first day at school. We saw a few presentations about energy. Next we split into groups. In groups we worked on our tasks. In the afternoon we walked to the Estonian University of Life Sciences. Afterwards, we walked back (all in all, we walked about 6km). In the evening some students went ice skating.



Program for: Friday 5th

We had the tour of Tartu. It took about two hours and the entire time, it was raining. After we had the tour of Tartu and lunch, we went to Tartu Environmental Education Center.

After that we went to Ice Age Centre. In the evening we went to AHHAA. Afterwards, some of us went to Tartu Escape, and that was very fun



Program for: Saturday 6th

Saturday was a day specifically for Tallinn. First we had Tallinn city tour. The city tour take about 2,5h. We visited for example the Old town. Then we went to eat. After lunch we all went to the Energy Discovery Centre. After that we had free time. 19.00 we left for Tartu.



Program for: Sunday 7th

Sunday was a relaxing day. We went on a hiking trip to Mennikunno bog reserve in Southern Estonia. There we ate our lunch in open air and after lunch some students pronounced other languages' difficult words. The second destination was Ahja River Landscape Reserve. When we returned to the hotel some students went to swim at AURA water park, and some students went to the hotel sauna.



Program for: Monday 8th

Last day here. In the morning we had free time until 11. Then, we left to the school and saw a couple more presentations about energy. After presentations we split into our original groups. We did our tasks and then we introduced the webpage.

