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Wednesday, 3rd October 2018

I was really excited to finally go to Estonia. And today was finally the day! We started our journey with the flight to Frankfurt, then we flew to Tallin, the capital from Estonia. After that we drove with the bus two hours to our hostel. After this long day I was really tired, but also curious for the other students. We got the keys for our rooms and met the very nice Scots, Finns and Italians for the first time.



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First, we had our breakfast at the hostel. It tasted very well because we had a big selection of food, so everybody could find something to eat.

Then we drove with the bus to the Lähte Ühisgümnaasium, where the Estonians welcomed us with a speech about the Erasmus plus project, with a lot of performances from very talented kids, a presentation about the country and a tour around the buildings.

After we knew more about the school we were divided in our working groups, I joined the “blogging-group”. Actually, I wanted to join the “photograph-group” first, but they needed more people, so I took place there and it turned out, that Hannah is there to so it won’t be able to be that bad. Ultimately, we had lunch at school. As we weren’t hungry anymore we took the bus to the Town Hall Square and walked to Tähtvere. I liked, that we were at the outside and walked through the pretty city.

Last, we went to the energy class of the Estonian University and heard from different expert’s facts about the wind- and solar-energy.

This should have been the end of the first day, but a few of the Estonians had the excellent idea to go ice-skating, so the Scots and the Germans went to the ice hall, which was in a shopping centre. I really liked to do something fun, after we got so much new information the whole day long. So after I cleared my head we ate dinner at Subway and then went back to our hostel.



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Friday, 5th October 2018

We started our day with breakfast at the hostel. I chose toast with bacon and cheese and to drink a glass of orange juice. On this morning we were in a rush because we ate too long, but –thank god-we didn't miss the bus to the Town Hall Square. The mayor welcomed us with a presentation about Tartu and some presents.

The next item on the programme was Lunch. So we all together went to Püssirohukelder-Gunpoder Cellas Restaurant, where we got noodles with vegetables, at dessert we got a tasty piece of cake.

At 13:30 o'clock the bus driver took us to the Tartu Environment Education Centre, where a woman told us interesting facts about recycling and the animals, they take care of. In my opinion the tour through the greenhouse was the best part, because of the beautiful plans they have. Directly after that we went to the Ice Age Centre, where we had a guide who told us many things about the environment and the animals that lived at this time.

At 17.00 o'clock it was planned to have dinner, but it almost one hour later we could eat so we all were very hungry.

Then we drove to Tartu AHAA Centre, which was the best centre of all I've been before. We were allowed to try so many things, mostly they had some physical background, but you didn't notice it all, so it was quite fun. You even could test your reaction speed, memory powder and your sense of balance.

Technically, we could have walked home (it would have been just 5min.) but Pille invited us to go with them to an Escape-Room, so we did (“We” is the Scots, Estonians and us Germans).

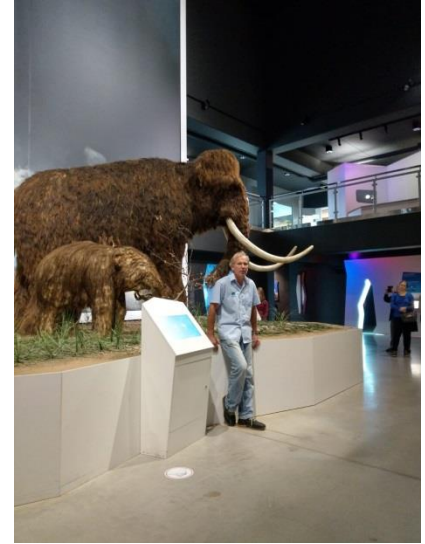
I loved it, even it was a long day and late, it was much better than the one in Germany I've been two years ago.

But I was still happy to go straight to bed and get some sleep.



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Saturday, 6th October 2018

Like every day I started the day with breakfast at the hostel. We had to hurry up, because on this day the bus was leaving at 7.45 to Tallin. I know...too early.

I was looking forward to visit the biggest city of Estonia, because it was told me that it is a wonderful old town and love cities with history. Unfortunately I slept the two hours bus ride, so I couldn't see the outside of the town, just the centre.

Arrived, we had a bus tour, and a really nice woman told us the main facts about the capital city and important buildings. I was really glad, that we didn't have to walk that much, because my feet were still burning from yesterday.

After we ate lunch in the Solaris Centre with a huge selection of food -there were truly everything you could imagined about- we drove to the Energy Discovery Centre, which was similar to the AHA Centre.

FINALLY we had free time and I spent it with Hannah S., Joy, Lennart, Hannah M. und Pille. We bought some souvenirs and went through the little alleys in the city.

We spent the rest of the time eating and drinking hot chocolate.

At 22.00 o'clock we arrived at the hostel, were we talked with the others about the day and other stuff.



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Sunday, 7th October 2018

First we had breakfast. Then we went with our bus to the “Hiking-Tour in South Estonia”. We started our tour in a wonderful forest, I was so happy to have time to relax after all the long days. After that we drove a little in the beautiful landscape to another place. There, we walked ...one hour over a small wood-boardwalk in untouched nature! I took so many photos, ‘couse the view was really amazing!! That was the best thing I did in this whole week.

After we finished our walk we had lunch in the open air, sadly it was fish-soup and I hate fish, but I could eat bread and bananas.

Moreover, we drove back to our hostel, but we still had a little bit free time, so we went to a “Vapiano” to have dinner. After our stomachs were full we went to the sauna in the hostel.

The sauna of the hostel was surprisingly very big: Two rooms, one with 55 degrees, the other one with 85. There we also two whirlpools and one steam bath. It was so relaxing to look outside the window while the hot air was around you and holding you warm.



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Monday, 8th October 2018

Today it was the last day. So we took the chance to have breakfast in a café and one girl from Scotland found a pancake-café. I and seven other girls (Scots, Germans, Estonians) had the best breakfast after years!

Almost all of us ordered a pancake with strawberry and ice cream, to conclude with a hot chocolate. The pancake tasted awesome, but the hot chocolate was not cacao, it was melted chocolate! Well, it was something different and tasted not bad.

At 11.00 o'clock our whole group went with the bus to the school, where we met in our working groups to work on our project: “smart and sustainable use of energy.” Because I joined the blogger-group we had to get us information from the other groups first, for example photos from the photo-group. Then every team member wrote a little text about the smart use of energy in their country and we onlowed it on the webpage. We added some pictures and some more information and after 4-6 hours our webpage was done.

At the end of the day, the different groups presented their results and we had a good time at the last dinner together.

In the evening, ca. 18.00 o'clock we heard some cultural music and learned typical dances, that was really fun!

We all were very sweaty and tired but also sad that the last day was almost finished.



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Tuesday, 9th October 2018

I was really sad because I had to say bye to all my new friends.

You just know the people one week and you know just the names, but you already love them.

Our group drove together to the airport in Tallin, then we had to say goodbye to the Finns. The Scots and we Germans walked together to the check-in and we had a bit time together before boarding.

After saying goodbye to the others too and wishing them a good life we went to our plane back to Germany.

We arrived in Stuttgart at 19.00 o'clock, happy to be at home but still sad not to be able to spend time with the others. And of course nobody wanted to think of the following day, 'cause then we all had to go back to the normal day-routine.

