



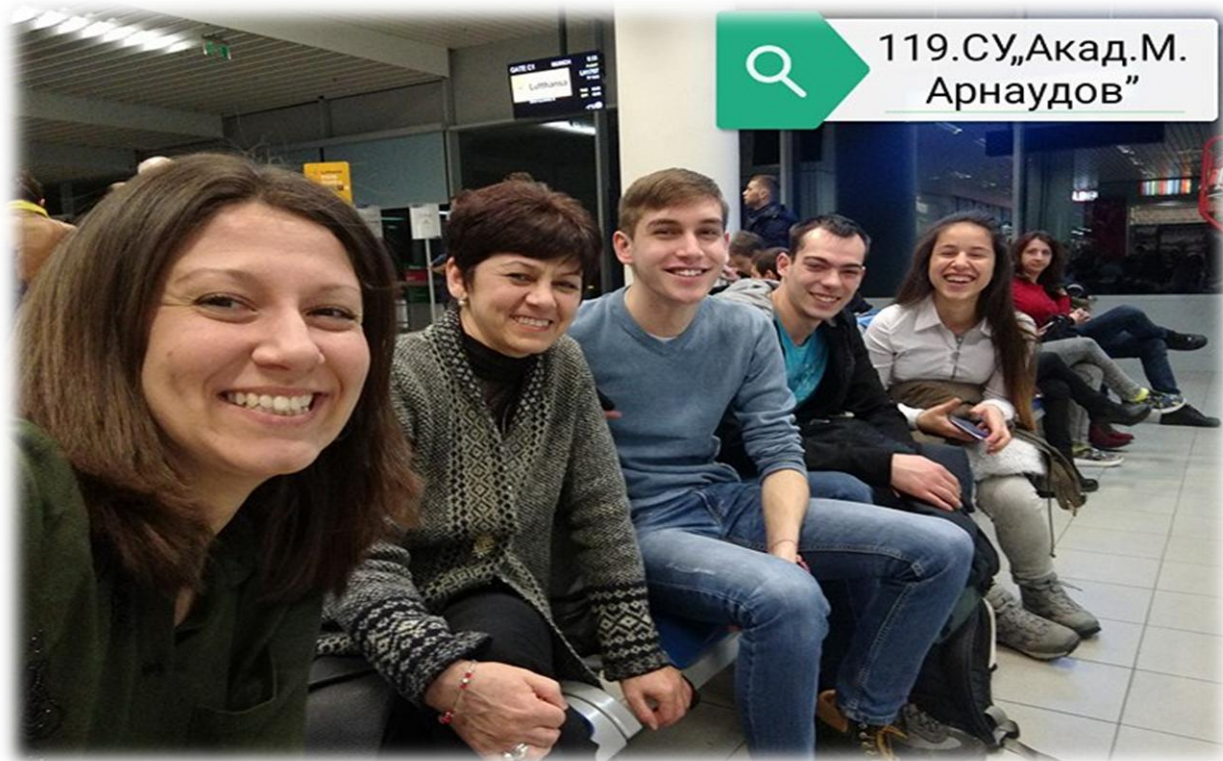
GREETINGS FROM TOMORROW

“How to save the planet through education “

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Sunday:

Sunday morning we had to be at the Bulgarian airport at around 4 o'clock in the morning. Disturbing in my opinion, but there was nothing to be done. After all the procedures it was time for the flight, and everyone was already in the plane and on their seats. As the flight proceeded some of us were listening to music, while others were either talking to each other or reading something. Our first stop was at the Munich airport. Then we had our flight to Helsinki. About 3 hours later the flight was over and it was about time we got our luggage and met with our hosts. It was really exciting to see them after a long year of school and work. They took us to their homes. We had lunch and free afternoon when we met the other participants. In the evening we all went to our "new homes" for dinner and then we had a good rest.

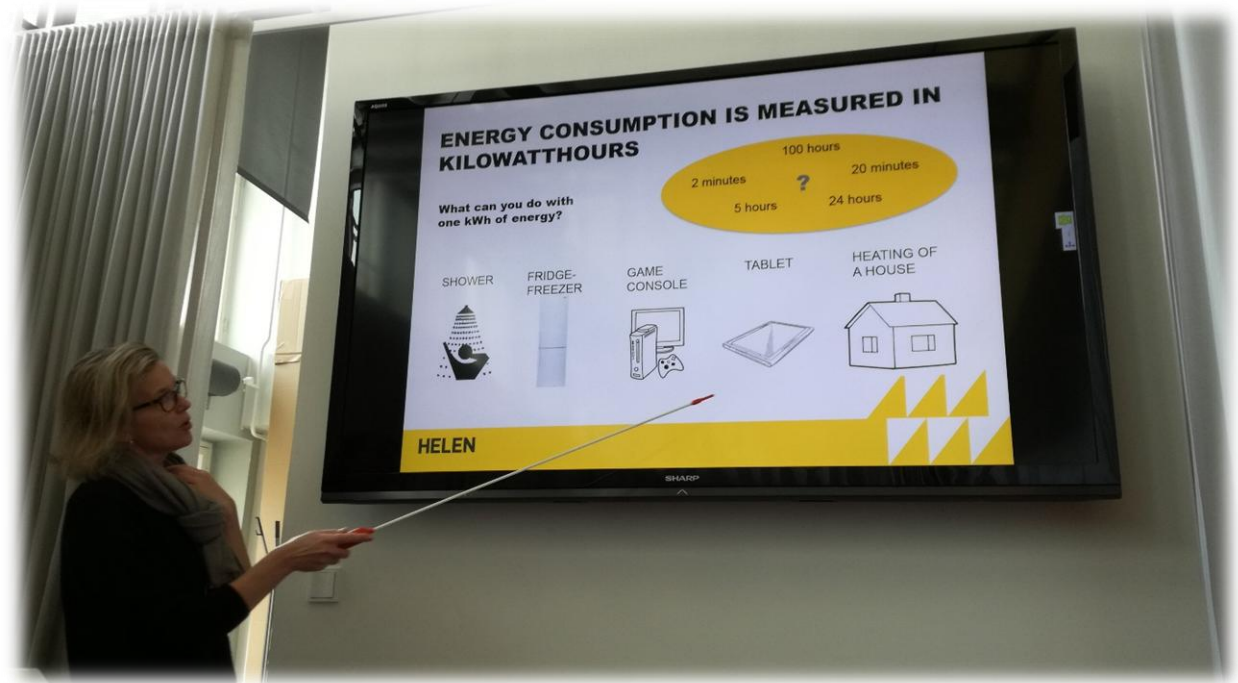
Monday:

We had a grand opening at the school in the art room. We had our presentations, welcoming speech from the headmaster. We had an ice-breaking game – we had to tell three things for our hosts and they had tell the same number of things for us. We had lunch at the canteen and it was delicious. Their canteen is really different from our because you choose from several things and it is for free. In the afternoon we had a city tour in groups. We all met at the ferry station and went to Suomenlinna – an island with really interesting history, under UNESKO protection. It was cold, cold, COLD! We returned to Helsinki and had some free time before going home.



Tuesday:

Today we met in front of the University. We visited the museum there and took a tour in the building. After a small break we went to have lunch in the center at Caverna restaurant. It was a very nice place where you pay amount of money and can eat whatever you want. It was an early lunch so around 13:00 we went to the Electric Center Helen. We were informed there how does the electricity system in Helsinki work. It was interesting for us. We had a present from the center – tickets for the outdoor pool and sauna. It will be so cool...and cold 😊 After the presentation in Helen we all went to the nearest shopping center to search for swimming suits. And after that went for a walk in the city. The dinner at home was great.



Wednesday:

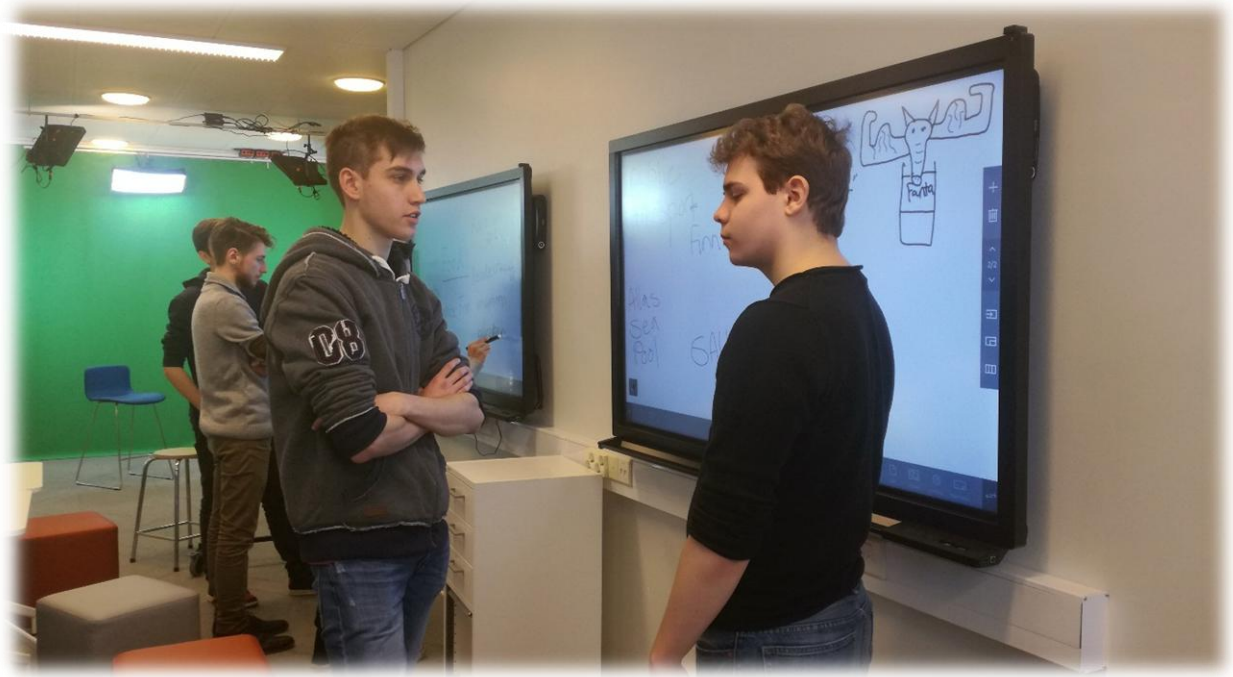
Today we met at the school. We started with some workshops about saving the planet – food, transport, environment. We were divided into groups. The second workshop was cooking with waste food. We were divided into teams and had an hour to prepare a menu with unwanted food. We made some kind of omelette. We had lunch at the canteen between the workshops. In the afternoon we had a walk in Central park. It was beautiful and peaceful and some people were even skiing. After the activities we had some free time to wonder around the city. And then we went home.



Thursday:

Thursday morning we had a nice breakfast before leaving. We had a meeting with the group at the Maunula-talo library. Our tasks for the day were then presented to us there and we were separated into 3 groups with different tasks. After a short speech by the group leaders we started working on the tasks and discussing different solutions to solve the problems presented to us. All the groups decided on different locations, and then the fun began. During the discussions there were many disagreements, but in the end there was a final conclusion. After that came time for a short brake and a lunch around 12:00 in the school canteen where everyone gathered on one table to have nice conversation. During the presentations we were filmed.

The day was finally at its end and most of the people decided to go to the Allas open sea pool, which includes a couple of other activities except the pools, one hot and one really cold. The place also offered 3 saunas (mixed, male and female) and an outside like fitness. We decided that it was time to go kind of late at around 8 or 9 o'clock and we walked to the railway station where we took a train and everyone went home.



Friday:

The day after the pool we were semi-tired, some of us not everyone, and me and my host missed the first part of the Erasmus program because he had some important job at his school which involved the minister of education of Finland. They were discussing some major things related to the school educational system. After an hour long discussion it was time that we meet with the other who have returned from the waste incinerator which some of us missed because of tests or the gathering me and my host attended.

At 1 o'clock it was time for the final evaluation of what we have had learned during our stay in Finland and after the major question "What would you bring to your county from Finland" we started playing a quiz game.

The party for good bye started at 6 o'clock in the evening and it was held in the school canteen. It was really nice to have everyone on the same table eating some fancy food. The main event was the students dancing some traditional variation of different dances specifically danced on a PROM night. After the whole dramatically executed goodbyes, almost everyone decided that we as a group should go somewhere. Unfortunately me and my host weren't feeling that well so we went home but I made sure that I take goodbye with everyone.



Saturday:

We had to be at the airport at about eleven o'clock. We said a last goodbye with our hosts who drove us there. We had some shopping and then we started our flights. We made a connection in Munich. It wasn't tiring besides we landed in Sofia around ten in the evening. Our parents were waiting for us and we were excited to see them and to share our emotions and experiences with them. It was a great week!





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