



COMENIUS PROJECT: MEETING IN GERMANY

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The German meeting in Flensburg was the 4th trip to make students from different countries meet. The countries involved in the project are Germany, Italy, Romania, Poland and Sweden and some students from our school have already been to Sweden, Poland and Germany (the latest trip). Now I'm going to tell you my great experience in Flensburg, Germany.

There were eleven of us who travelled to Germany: Marino Aresi, Nasim Ansarin, Elena Zonari, Ilaria Bonardi, Marcello Crosta, Erik Scandola, Sara Milanese, Giorgia Nozza Bielli, Alessia Campopiano, Alessandra Rozzoni and myself. The teachers were Mr. Belotti and Mr. Aresi.

The flight lasted about an hour and half but when we arrived at Lübeck airport we had to get the train to Kiel and then change and get another train to Flensburg. We arrived at the station at 3 o'clock p.m. and Theresa was already waiting for me with her father. I was happy to see her again, to be there and visit that wonderful region.

When I arrived home I was introduced to my host mother and sister. Then we had coffee together. It was only 4 p.m. but it was already dark outside and it looked as if it was 6 o'clock. My host family suggested going for a walk as far as the fiord, which was very near the house. It was very cold but it didn't matter because everything was new and I was really excited and curious.

During that week I had to wake up at 5.30 am (one hour earlier than I usually do) even though we had to be at school at 8 o'clock!

Flensburg's "Kurt-Tucholsky-Schule-Europaschule" is a big building with a pretty cool garden. The school system is totally different from ours. As a matter of fact, I saw nine- or ten-year-old kids going to the same school as eighteen-year-old people. There are lots of labs, as well as many classes, a big gym, and there is also a cafeteria and a canteen. For some lessons the kids have to change rooms.

On Monday we presented our art works about bridges and in the afternoon we visited the city of Flensburg, which is more or less as big as Bergamo. I liked it because it isn't chaotic even though there is the port, lots of shops and factories. I think it's romantic too. When we went back to school we had a welcome dinner/barbecue, where there were lots of typical dishes prepared by the parents of our host friends.



On Tuesday our schedule was full of activities. First we visited an ancient Roman wall and in the afternoon we went to a forest for a high ropes adventure. It is a very thrilling activity provided you aren't afraid of heights, because if you are, it is very hard, even though you are safely tied up with ropes.

On Wednesday we visited Lübeck. I loved that city. It's clean, quiet, historical but at the same time modern, full of life and of course, full of shops. As usual, after the visit, my friends and I had lunch at Mc Donald's and went shopping during our free time.

On Thursday morning International groups formed by German and foreign students worked together to record a podcast. In the afternoon we had some spare time, and we could do whatever we wanted to do. Some of us went to the swimming pool and others went shopping. I preferred to stay with my host friend Theresa, so we went shopping together. Then we had dinner in an Italian restaurant called Galileo. That was the last night we spent with our Comenius friends.

I was so sorry to leave Germany and Theresa! She wasn't simply the girl who hosted me for a week in her house, but a true friend. As a matter of fact we built a good friendship. I miss her very much now. Before I left we promised to each other we will meet again next summer in Italy.

It was a great experience and if I could, I'd do it again! Thanks, Comenius project!