

## A week in Germany

I have had the opportunity to participate in Erasmus+ project since the beginning of last year. The second week of December 2019 was memorable for me. We spent a week in Germany.

We started our trip early in the morning. We landed at Hamburg's airport and we were warmly welcomed. We were surprised by running people with posters in their hands. We had to travel about an hour to Schleswig by train. The German teacher Mr. Detlef brought us delicious homemade sandwiches.

I met a lot of new people, with some of them I had so much in common, with others we were completely different but in some way we were alike. All students learnt a lot about the media, discussed issues in teams and presented their ideas together. I was so proud of students. Not only Bulgarian students but all of them. I could see young, intelligent people working hard together, learning together about European's culture and traditions and solving problems together. Last but not least I saw the future generation making friends that could last their lifetime.

We had a walk around Schleswig, we visited Christmas bazar. I could try the local German food and drinks and enjoy the atmosphere of Christmas. We had a day in Hamburg the second largest city in Germany and seventh in the European Union, as well as the largest non-capital city in the EU. We visited the Elbe Philharmonic, the new symbol of Hamburg. It's an extremely impressive building located on the Elbe River just before it enters the North Sea. We had the unique happiness to enjoy and feel the atmosphere of the Christmas Market and to enjoy the unique Christmas decoration of Hamburg.

Unforgettable experience was the visit of The Viking's museum. We had a walk through a forest with torches to the restaurant which made us feel like we are from another century without mobile phones and technology. All of the students were impressed about that walk. And this was one of the most exciting things that week, we were talking and laughing all the time.

The last day we worked at the forge of the school and our students were blacksmiths, too. We have forged a symbolic hammer on Thorne, son of Odin, a major Viking big man, and an embodiment of strength and militancy.

In brief I can say that I was very lucky to be able to have this opportunity.

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