

DIARY OF SARA KUŠAR KOPINA ON PARTICIPATION IN THE ERASMUS PROJECT "LEARN AND PARTICIPATE"

16. April - 23. April 2022 IN ESTONIA, TALLINN

From 16. April to 23. April 2022 I attended together with three students from the 9th grade of the Jože Moškrič Primary School and under the guidance of the teachers, Mrs. Andreja Zrimšek Vrečar and Mrs. Sabina Mattersdorfer the Erasmus project "Learn and Participate" in Estonia, Tallinn.

On Saturday, 16. April 2022 at 24.30 we took a GoOpti van from Ljubljana to Marco Polo Airport in Venice. In the morning we continued our journey by Wizz Air to Tallinn, Estonia. After landing at the airport, we took a taxi to the hotel. We were free in the afternoon. I went to bed after dinner.

On Sunday, 17. April 2022 after breakfast we took a taxi to the port of Tallinn and took a boat to Helsinki in Finland. The ride took two and a half hours. In Helsinki we walked around the Market Square, I saw the Helsinki Cathedral, the Train Station, the Skate Park, the equestrian bronze statue of Marshal Gustaf Mannerheim, etc. It was interesting to me, that all the shops were open on Sunday from 12 noon to 7pm. I also visited the Museum of Contemporary Art. At 9pm we took the boat back to Tallinn and at 1am I went back to the hotel and went to sleep.



On Monday, 18. April 2022, after breakfast we went to Tallinn Kesklinna Vene gümnaasium, where we had a PPT presentations of ourselves and the countries we come from. In addition to us, there were representatives from Turkey, Spain, Sweden and Estonia. Representatives from Hungary joined us two days later. This was followed by an introductory meeting, where we got to know each other in a competitive and playful way with the help of questionnaires. Our teacher, Mrs. Sabina Mattersdorfer, won this cognitive activity. They then divided us into four groups. In each group there were four representatives from different countries. This was followed by a workshop on Cyber Security, where we talked about cyber security in a playful way and with the help of questions from the group leader. This was followed by lunch at school. After the workshop, we all took the tram to the old part of Tallinn, which has fully preserved its medieval appearance and is protected by UNESCO. There I saw the Raekoja Plats, the Town Hall, Toompea Castle, The War of Independence Victory Column, etc. We also tried a drink from the Boba Koda restaurant. This was followed by dinner at Lido. Then we went back to the hotel and I went to sleep.



On Tuesday, 19. April 2022, after breakfast all the groups gathered at the Tallinn Kesklinna Vene gümnaasium and took a bus to the city of Tartu. The ride took two and a half hours. There we visited the AHHAA Science Center, where we learned about science and technology in a fun and playful way. After the tour and lunch, we took the bus to see the

Tagurpidi Maja, upside-down house, where it was a lot of fun. This was followed by a bus ride to the center of Tallinn, where we had dinner. After dinner we walked to the hotel and then I went to sleep.



On Wednesday, 20. April 2022, after breakfast we had a Computer Drawing Workshop on cyber security at the Tallinn Kesklinna Vene gümnaasium. This was followed by Fabric Drawing Workshop. We had lunch at school. This was followed by a lecture on Cyber Security. We then took the tram with all the groups to the Seaplane Harbor Maritime Museum, located in Tallinn Airport, in a building that was originally built as a hangar for seaplanes. The main attraction is the Lembit submarine from 1936. I also saw the Estonian steam - powered icebreaker Suur Tõll. This was followed by a tour of the Noblessner Iglupark, where you can rent a needle by the sea for a holiday or vacation and watch the passing of ships and relax and enjoy. We then took the tram back to school. We had dinner at the Italian restaurant Vapino, then I went to sleep.



On Thursday, 21. April 2022, after breakfast we gathered at the Tallinn Kesklinna Vene gümnaasium and together with all groups went to the Tal-Tech University of Technology, where we drew on computers in Photoshop. We then took the tram back to school where we had lunch.

Then we drew posters about cyber security with pencil. This was followed by a group work of stop motion animation on cyber security. Then we all took the tram to the center, where we rode with T1 Skywheel. Dinner followed and after that I went to sleep.



On Friday, 22. April 2022, after breakfast all the groups gathered at the Tallinn Kesklinna Vene gümnaasium. This was followed by the Kahoot game about cyber security. I used my cell phone in this workshop. After lunch at school, all participants took the tram to the center, where we had free time to shop at the Ulemiste Center. This was followed by a screening of the film Secrets of Dumbledore at the Coca-Cola Plaza Cinema. We had dinner at the Basilik restaurant, then I went to sleep.

On Saturday, 23. April 2022, after breakfast we took a taxi to Tallinn Airport and flew back to Venice Marco Polo Airport. We then drove back to Ljubljana in the GoOpti van, where our parents were already waiting for us at 5.15 pm.

I sincerely thank you for being able to participate in this project and also to both teachers Mrs. Andreja Zrimšek Vrečar and Mrs. Sabina Mattersdorfer for the professional management of the project.

Socializing with the Slovenian group and other participants from other countries will forever remain in my fondest memory.

For me, it was an unforgettable experience.

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