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THE COMENIUS PROJECT: BEYOND WORDS IN ROMANIA

From the 13th of April I went, with 2 teachers and a student from another class to Romania. This was for the project: 'The Comenius Project, "Beyond Words". This project is about internationalization and learning without speaking any words. In this project are the countries: Romania, Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, Holland, Greece, Turkey and Finland.

The 13th of April we went with the train to Schiphol, the airport. We have to wait, wait and wait. After hours of waiting and flying we finally arrived in Romania. The students and teachers from Turkey were already at the airport. We arrived as the second from all the countries. So we have to wait hours before we could go to our host families.

We arrived round midnight at the school. We had a long trip behind us. The host

family where Gijs (the other student) and I stayed was next to the school. When we met the host family at the house we talked about thing like our houses, our school and stuff like that. We talked about 2 hours before we slept.

The next day, Wednesday, we slept very long. But we have to be at school at 1 pm. We went at 12 o'clock to the school. We

had play basketball before we went to the welcome talk. The welcome talk took 5 minutes, after the talk we were aloud to take some typical Romania food. That was delicious!

After the talk we took some lessons: maths and physics. It was really boring, but now I know how the lessons are in Romania.



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Thursday, we got a tour in the city. We went to 2 museums. So we have known also a piece of the history of Constanta. The tour took longer than we thought, but we had enough time before we had our workshop: 'The shapes and Symbols among the centuries in my homeland'. In this workshop we had to present the symbols of our homeland. All the country's, except Turkey, gave a presentation.

The workshop ended at 7 o'clock, so we had to hurry because we had a presentation of songs and dances from Romania. I can tell you: in the Netherlands we don't have a traditionally dance! So it was nice to see the traditionally dance.

At Friday morning we had to be early at the school. Because we got a boot trip on the Donau. We had to be at the city Tulcea, where our trip started. But before we arrived in Tulcea we had a bus trip from 2.5 hours. When we arrived we went first to the museum that tells also things about the city, the Donau and the museum had a big aquarium! Beautiful fish, a shark... The trip was very nice to see.

Saturday we had a day off. We spend the whole day at the host family. In the evening we went to the karaoke in a hotel. It was a nice, clean and cheap hotel. Because you have had to pay 30 Lei and you could drink as many drinks as you would! It couldn't be better.

Sunday the 18th we went to home. But the volcano in Iceland ensured that there wouldn't fly and plane. So we drove to the station and after 4 hours of waiting with the students from Spain we had ours train ticket to Vienna (Wien), and in Vienne we had to take a HST to Köln. The trip to home took about 35 hours before we were home. But I would make that trip again to make another unforgettable experience like this.

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