

DIARY FOR ERASMUS+

DONCIU ARIN

23.11 – 01.12 2019

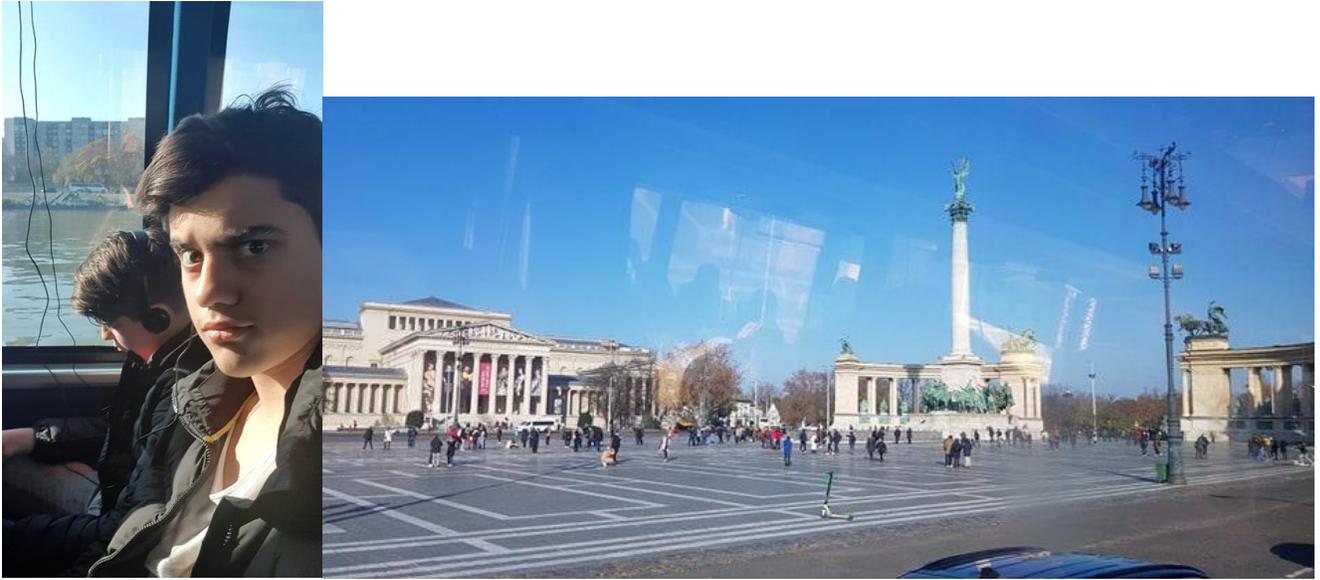
DAY 1

Today we arrived in Budapest, where we first stopped at the Tropicarium. There we saw a lot of animals, from alligators to balloon fish. I've learned a lot of useful information about each animal. There, I cut off 100% of the thoughts about Iasi and the conclusion of school environment. I felt like I was able to relax to the fullest. After lunch, we boarded the bus and headed for the place we had to stay in. I've come to the most beautiful hotel I've ever seen in my life. It was very spacious and comfortable, it was full of vibrant colors and educated people. We left our luggage at the hotel and went to one of the bridges of the Danube, where we took a group picture. Now I'm preparing my luggage, because tomorrow morning we leave for the Czech Republic, Hlučín.



DAY 2

Today we woke up in the morning to eat breakfast and then we went to Hlučín, but before, we took the tour of Budapest with the Amphibious bus. It looked pretty normal, like any tourist bus. That's what we thought until the bus, which until that moment for me was a normal bus, went into the water, which is the Danube. It was a pleasant surprise and it was very fun to see. After the fun was over, we got on the bus and started on the road. It was quite long, but we knew what to do so as not to get bored, we played games. In the evening we arrived at the hotel, and the ladies there were waiting for us with a warm dinner. Now I'm preparing for tomorrow, the big day, we will meet with our colleagues at Erasmus for the first time.



DAY 3

Today we met our colleagues from the Czech Republic and Greece. The first thing that attracted my attention was the school, which was colored in vivid colors, just like a garden. The bigger was my surprise when I walked into school and I felt like smelling in the hallways of food, just like in my nursery. The teacher who co-ordinate the Czech Students ' group (whose name I know to pronounce, but I don't know how to write it, and I don't want to misspell her name) she met us with a warm greeting and led us to a class. In the hallway, all sorts of layouts, projects, and drawings were exhibited, which gave me the impression that it made the school look more like a kindergarten (in my opinion). The first time we presented our name and the school we were coming from. Then we played a kind of Bingo designed specifically to make us know each other better. Then he put us in pairs of two students from different countries, and we asked each other questions to find out as much as possible, and then I introduced the colleague to the others. We ate lunch at their school and then went to meet the mayor of the city who didn't really know English, but he had a translator. We split up and we went to the hotel. We met in the evening to play bowling, where we sat at the table with some colleagues from Greece that we got to know better. I felt great. Now I'm here at bowling and I mean to say that that their traditional drink is very good.



DAY 4

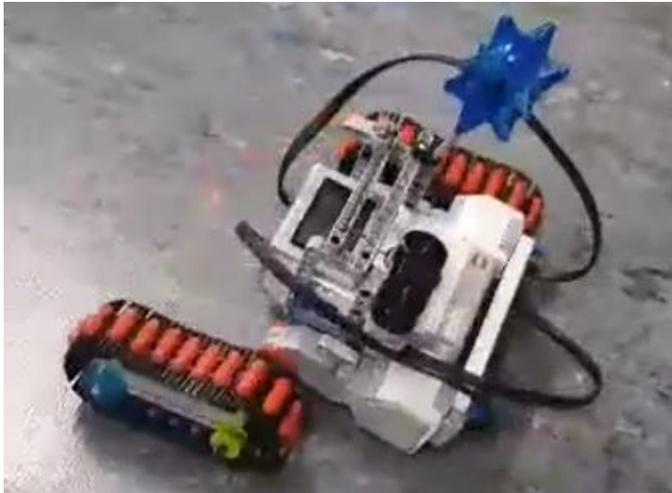
Today we met the Physics teacher, who found me very friendly and understanding. He gave us some electrical wires, a battery, and two LEDs. He taught us how to make an electric circuit and gave us permission to experiment. It was the first time I did something like this, the experiment from which I learned a lot of things about how an electrical circuit works. After we struggled a lot, we managed to make a circuit work. After that, we went to a computer lab where we learned more about GeoGebra and got interesting challenges. Lunch was also served at school and afterward, I went to a museum with everything. It was part of car accidents, part with electricity, part with animation and cinema, part with toilets and much more. The place was called "Science and Technology Center" and learned from it more than we learned in all the museums in Romania. It was really fun. Then we went back to the hotel, where I wrote the diary. We're going to a university tomorrow, looking forward to it.



DAY 5

Today we were at the Technical University of Ostrava where some students offered us a set of pieces for the Lego robots that we had to make work. I already knew how to work with

Lego robots, but I've never had the chance to play with a set as advanced as the one they've offered us. With the robots we made fun competitions, we laughed a lot, and at the end the winners received a prize. We had packed lunches and at 14 o'clock we split up, each team doing what their teachers were proposing. We went to change Euros in Crowns and after we went to the mall to get gifts for the parents. Now I'm preparing for the next day, the last day in the Czech Republic.



DAY 6

Today we were supposed to go to the Planetarium, but unfortunately we found out that it was being under construction, instead, I attended an English class together with colleagues from the Czech Republic and I was surprised at how little English the kids in the class knew. After class, I learned about GeoGebra 3D, something I didn't even know existed. In the end, the physics teacher brought us some spherical robots we could play with, robots that we could have programmed to go through a route. It was the first time I did something like this, it was super interesting and fun. We had to calculate distance, acceleration and angle and more stuff like that. Later we were invited to take the lunch to school and went back to the hotel to prepare for our last dinner and for the end, i.e. for the goodbyes. For me, that moment was not sensational, the sensational would come later. The teacher's ladies were crying, I got prizes and gifts but I still felt nothing. We then went to play table games and a Czech colleague invited us to dance, we all accepted. That was the moment we had the most fun and felt that we approached each other most. I felt at that moment, my fellow Erasmus, as my closest friends. At the end I realized how sad it was to say goodbye and wondered what it would have been like if we didn't dance. I'm glad I can express my feelings now while I still have them. It was an unforgettable evening.



DAY 7

Today, after the sad goodbye yesterday, I left the morning to Vienna. We arrived quite late and went to the Christmas fair where we saw a lot of interesting items and there we spent all our money. Most of all, I laughed when I saw two guitar singers who performed with a mask, a horse's head. We then took the meal all there and we went back to the hotel where, being the last night at a hotel, we had a Game Night. Now we're playing cards, we're not going to stay up late because tomorrow is the last day and we have to take it to the fullest.



DAY 8

Today we packed our bags and left the hotel. We went to the Schönbrunn Palace that we visited and then went out into the yard. I was impressed with how big the court was. There was also a petting zoo where we saw penguins, bears, monkeys, lions, elephants and many other animals. I had lunch all over there and then I went to a place with tropical plants, very relaxing.

It is 12 at night, December 1st, happy birthday Romania! I mean, this experience was the most beautiful trip I've ever been on, I feel like I've matured a lot and I feel like I've learned a lot from this project. It was a holiday that came at the perfect moment because I felt tired of too many school hours. Thanks to all those who made this project achievable, thank you ladies teachers for organizing us an exceptional route with wonderful experiences where we have tested and learned a lot of stuff and thanks to the gentlemen drivers that took us there and brought us back safe and sound.

