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### Happy Erasmus + students at the marina

The program Erasmus plus was for me one of the best experiences I had in my life. I wish I gave the chance in the future to take part in many more projects of this kind, which give me the chance to meet new people, learn about other cultures and discover new places with new found friends. Also this program brought me close to people I already knew and related with people from other countries with different backgrounds. At last, Erasmus plus is the embodiment of acceptance and diversity

**Aimee Rochette Karkagianni – Greek student, member of the Erasmus + project**

This year I experienced one of the greatest times in my life. I never expected to make so many friends that don't even speak the same language with me. I saw I had too much in common with these people from countries all over Europe. I realized that Europe is so much more than a political and economical unity. It's what brings strangers become best friends in just a week and demolishes the virtual borders between people.

**Athina Tsirigoti – Greek student, participant of the Erasmus+ project**

AND AS OUR STUDENTS SUNG .....“YOU ‘VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME”  
WE PARAPHRASE .....ALL OF YOU HAVE GOT A FRIEND IN US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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## THE GREEK TEAM



## THE CZECH TEAM



### Erasmus + wonderful people on their way to the Acropolis

When I first heard about the erasmus project at my school I knew for sure that I wanted to participate. Closer to my trip I was very excited and a little bit nervous. The first day in Croatia was awkward but the day after I started enjoying myself as everyone there was very kind with me. It was really one of my best experiences in my life and if I had the opportunity I would do it again. I made a lot of friends from many countries, my mind opened and I learned about many civilizations.

**Ino Konsta – Greek participant of Erasmus+ “YOU ON MY MIND”**



### Erasmus + crew exploring and having an adventure at the Cave of Davelis

Erasmus for me means a lot more than just a trip. I made a lot of new friends, that I believe will last for many years, despite the long distance. I met new cultures, habits and I also realized that in the end we are not really that different, if you get past the language barriers, that I even felt like we were all from the same country. I would really love to be part of a program like this one again in the near future.

**Dafni Chatzirapti – Greek student, member of the Erasmus+ programme**



The participation in a Comenius project is a big advantage for each European school, not only for its pupils and teachers but also for the parents and a wider community connected with the school. It enables all the participants to broaden their horizons and confront themselves with the subject of their possible prejudices, simply to think out of the box in various situations concerning not only the project working tasks but also the stays in host families and communication in a foreign language.

Our school Gymnazium Hodonin is proud of being part of a great project team called YOU ON MY MIND. During our project we have found there reliable and helpful colleagues, friendly, active and creative students and – last but not least – hospitable and caring host families. We firmly believe that such European projects – may they be called Comenius, Erasmus+ or whatever – are a meaningful way to create this part of the world a better and safer place for living for all of us in a long-term perspective.

Therefore we would like to thank our splendid partners from Finland, Poland, Croatia, Germany and Greece for the smooth co-operation and express the wish that our friendship will last over this 2-year project ...

**Veronika Benesova, teacher (CZE)**





# THE CZECH TEAM





# THE GERMAN TEAM



## Erasmus + you on my mind

For the last two years students from "Marie-Kahle-Gesamtschule" in Bonn, Germany have been travelling Europe and meeting students from Poland, Finland, Greece, the Czech Republic and Croatia. The aim of the programme to get to know students from all over Europe, their schools, countries, families and ways of life was fully met. From each trip the students returned home with a lot of enthusiasm and a suitcase full of ideas and memories.

Enhancing the European idea, overcoming stereotypes and learning that young people in Europe have more in common than they think was what we experienced during each of the five trips.

In each country the students had host families who did their very best to welcome the young guests and show them their typical ways of life and everyday routines. Most students were impressed that family life seems to resemble their own although geographical and social conditions differ.

The schools of each country prepared and offered a varied programme of activities to teach respect and tolerance.

How can you show and learn tolerance when everybody is different? The students had to be creative and talk to each other. Ideas had to be heard and considered. Each person is unique, has an own idea maybe a special talent. And yet – together ideas can develop, notions advance and thus a common result includes pieces of everybody involved. That is how the students learned to respect and value each other.

How can you show and learn tolerance when each group of students has a different cultural background? Again, the key quality is respect. We listened to each group who gave a presentation on their home city and country. The students got to know important facts, famous sights and courageous people from each country. They could ask questions, compare with their own home towns and learned that all young people have something to be proud of. During the trips some of these historic sights – like the Beethoven-Haus in Bonn, Helsinki in Finland or the Acropolis in Greece – were visited by the students, some famous people like mayors or politicians were met – the students were excited and learned that an open mind to different cultures helps understand and tolerate differences.

Last but not least tolerance is best learned by joined activity. So each meeting was organised with a full and active programme. Tolerance and respect through art and music, sport, cooking or outdoor activity. Whenever you talk to each other and follow a common aim you learn to cherish each individual and tolerate their freedom.

At the end of each meeting tears flowed and WhatsApp groups were installed. The students still write or text each other and some even booked a trip to a partner during summer holidays. That's when we know that the world is small and friendships are not confined to borders. Europe – you are on my mind!



When I see the name of our project "You on my mind", I immediately think of my friend Karla that hosted me during my stay in Croatia. All of a sudden the word friendship comes to my mind, as it defines this whole project perfectly. Nothing makes me so happy as to know that a new friend just entered my life and made it nicer. And this is exactly what has happened for all of us, the participants in this project.

It all started here, in our small town of Hodonín in the Czech Republic. This was the first country to be visited by our international friends. At that time I wasn't really a part of the project and I really saw what I was missing out on. To see all the students and teachers from Finland, Poland, Germany, Croatia, Greece and the Czech Republic talking, laughing and having a great time as if they had known each other for years, really made me want to become a part of this. And it really happened.

During our journey before arriving in Croatia, I remember talking to the rest of our Czech group about our host families. We were all really curious and excited to meet all of these new people. Many questions started rushing through my head: What is the family going to be like? Are they kind? Are we going to like each other? But all the doubts disappeared as soon as I saw my host sister and her family and I knew that I was about to have a spectacular week. And we all had.

Aside from our host families, we made lots of other international friends among other students and even teachers. I learned a lot about the value of friendship, as well as tolerance and kindness. Everyone tried their best to create a beautiful and positive atmosphere and to make everything work.

For me this was one of the greatest events that I have been a part of and that would not be possible without such friendly and wonderful people! And right now I am talking to all of you, who took part in this magnificent project, people that I had the pleasure to meet and also those who I only heard of or saw in different pictures. Because you all are on my mind. Thank you for making this project so amazing!

*Lucie Scerbikova, student (CZE)*





# THE FINNISH TEAM



## Erasmus+ project with six schools

I was very fortunate to be a teacher and vice principal in Nurmijärvi Junior and Senior high school (NYK) where principals have always been very favourable to international co-operation. NYK was one of the first schools, in fact the first school in Finland which started a long lasting (more than ten years) student exchange program in the 1960s. We have had international co-operation since the year 1961, as long as 57 years now. Mostly projects have been between two schools like NYK – Elisabethen schule (Frankfurt, Germany) and NYK – Zespolskol nr. 22 (Bydgoszcz, Poland) and NYK – Yuying Middle school (Beijing, China). Long lasting projects between two schools make our knowledge of culture, teaching methods and way of living deeper. Every time you can learn something new and visit new places. It is also quite easy to create long lasting friendships.



Erasmus projects are different but very interesting projects. During two years with six schools you can learn in quite a short time a lot of different things. We talked together about school systems, teaching, culture, the way of living and many other things. But what else? In each country there was something special during this project. Marie-Kahle-Gesamtschule in Bonn (Germany), the teaching method was different. They used Dalton method, where students have more time than normally for working independently but under the supervision of a teacher. In Wroclaw (Poland) we had a fantastic day on mountains. We walked up to a mountain and then we had a picnic. In Athens (Greece) we had very a warm-hearted Erasmus party outside in the schoolyard. We had performances, good food and fun dancing together. I think that in Nurmijärvi (Finland) our guests had a very special sport day on freezing Lake Sääksjärvi. We had ice swimming, ice fishing, skating, skiing, sliding, ice sledge racing, curling on ice, snowshoeing and we could use a hot tub. I was not in Croatia and The Czech Republic, but I am sure they also had something special for Erasmus guests.

We all got good memories and good friends and we can recall our memories via photobooks (six books, 792 pages and more 2000 photos), which were made by me of every meeting. Our project schools were from different parts of Europe (north, east, middle) Finland, Greece, The Czech Republic, Croatia, Poland and Germany.

**Rauno Karppinen, math, physics, chemistry and computer teacher, vice principal**



## INTERVIEW WITH STUDENTS ABOUT THE WEEK IN CROATIA

We prepared a few questions about this week for different students from different countries – Jiri from The Czech Republic, Ino Konsta from Greece and Sebastian from Germany. Below we wrote our questions and then their answers.

1. How did you like it here in Croatia?
2. What did you not like?
3. Are you pleased with your host and which things did you like or didn't like about your family here?
4. Which workshop or trip did you like the most?
5. Has this week been exciting for you and do you feel it's been 5 days already?

### How did you like it here in Croatia?

J: I really liked it here. I think that program was pretty full and interesting. I really liked that we visited the capital of Croatia, Zagreb and our sports activities. I really like the woods you have here.

I: I liked the tour in Zagreb very much.

S: It was really nice like the city Nova Gradiška and Zagreb also. I like that there are different ethnic groups here.

### What did you not like?

J: It is hard to say because I liked everything. It was a really nice experience. The only thing I didn't like was a long walk to school.

I: Maybe the debates, I didn't like them very much.

S: I don't know, I mean it was all fine so far. Actually everything was nice.

### Are you pleased with your host and which things did you like or didn't like about your family here?

J: I was really pleased. I met Karlo in Hodonin 'cause I was his host as well. I especially liked the food here because it's interesting. His mom cooked something special for each lunch and I really liked it. It was different.

I: I like everything, I don't have something that I didn't like.

S: We were getting up really early sometimes, but despite that it was nice.

### Which workshop or trip did you like the most?

J: Probably the trip to the capital, Zagreb. We saw its history and all.

I: I liked very much the drums workshop, playing instruments.

S: I liked the trip to Zagreb and the drum workshop was nice, too.

### Has this week been exciting for you and do you feel it's been for 5 days already?

J: Time flew so fast and I really liked this week. It was a great experience, I met a lot of new people and I think it could be longer because 5 days is not enough to see all the beauties of different countries.

I: Of course I want to be more here, but I have to go back to Greece.

S: I think this experience was nice because of the chance of getting to know people from other countries better, and also the weather was okay.

**Lana Engerini, Marta Kekez (Croatia)**



# THE CROATIAN TEAM

## CHILD SHELTER IN ŠUMETLICA

### Daily routine of users of child shelter

On 10th October 2017 some students and teachers from project Erasmus + „You on my mind“ visited a shelter for homeless patients in Šumetlica. The shelter for homeless people is an institution which cares for patients who came from St. Raphael hospital, but still aren't ready for independent everyday life. They have a priest and some other people that help them in achieving a normal life. At this time they have 8 inhabitants. They have daily routines like cooking, feeding the chickens and cleaning.

### Big tolerant family

We liked the Child shelter because it is a very nice place to live in. It has a beautiful garden, a house and animals. An interesting fact is that they have even made the garden by themselves. The most important reason why we liked the child shelter is because they live like a big family that spreads tolerance, which is the main aim in our project. They respect each other and love each other the way they are which is the most important thing in society.

*Paula Vincetić (Croatia), Kristyna Sarkova (Czech Republic)*

## YOU ON MY MIND – VISIT PROGRAMME, ACTIVITY C4, CROATIA; GIMNAZIJA NOVA GRADIŠKA, 9 OCT.-13.OCT 2017.

	MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER		TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER		WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER	
	STUDENTS	TEACHERS	STUDENTS	TEACHERS	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
MORNING	9:00 – 12:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WELCOME CEREMONY</li> <li>MEETING WITH THE MAYOR</li> <li>COUNTRY-TOWN - SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS</li> </ul>		9:00 bus to Strmac ST. RAFAEL HOSPITAL WORK THERAPY WORKSHOPS 9:45-10:15 (group A) 10:15-10:45 (group B) 11:00 BRUNCH AT THE HOSPITAL		9:00 - 10:30 BRAVE PERSON PRESENTATIONS	
NOON	12:00 -14:00 LUNCH  (SOHO BAR/HOME)	12:00 -14:00 LUNCH  Hotel	11:30-16:00 SPORTS ACTIVITIES – OUTDOOR DAY WITH THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICE (7 teams /7 sports/ activities; 30 min/activity)	Strmac	10:30-12:30 TOLERANCE AND BRAVERY – DEBATE (3 groups) Town hall, Church hall, School	OBSERVE CLASSES IN SCHOOL  School
AFTERNOON	14:00 -16:30 ART WORKSHOP – GRAFITI WALL  school	15:00-16:30 VISIT TO THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY IN CERNIK <i>car transport</i>	16:30 – 17:00 VISIT TO CHILD SHELTER IN ŠUMETLICA, WORKSHOPS (group C) 16:30-18:00 VISIT to „STANAL“ FARM (home-made products tasting)	Stanal OPG	13:00-14:00 LUNCH SOHO BAR/ HOME	13:00 -14:00 LUNCH, hotel
EVENING	FREE	19:00 DINNER  Hotel	19:00 FREE CINEMA???	19:00 DINNER  Hotel	18:00 ECO VILLAGE STARA KAPELA DINNER  DUKAT RESTAURANT, NOVA GRADIŠKA	



CZECH REPUBLIC

The journey to the Czech Republic was very educational in many different ways. We learned a lot of things about tolerance and co-operation. We made international relationships with people and I want to believe that we all are going to remember that trip.

*Laura Vuolasharju*



FINLAND

In Finland we went to our capital city Helsinki. There we met Pekka Haavisto and he told us what he does abroad and that was really interesting. Before that we visited our nearest lake Sääksi. In winter the lake is frozen and we had the chance to go ice fishing. We didn't get fish but it was fun still. We also went cross country skiing in the forest. It looked really funny when most of them were not good at it.

*Jerry Engstrand*



POLAND

Poland is a wonderful country with lovely people. Our Erasmus trip was full of exciting adventures and exhibitions including; walking up a mountain, sight-seeing Wroclaw, multimedia fountain, solidarity museum, meeting with mayor of Wroclaw. Local hosts were friendly and generous and showed us some parts of Wroclaw that we couldn't see as tourists.

*Miro Rantala*



CROATIA

Those weeks were really fun and different compared to normal school weeks. In Croatia it was warm and there was really nice program. We went to some kind of mountain and we did outdoor activities. In the evenings we went to downtown and we spent time with other Erasmus guys and it really united us.

*Jerry Engstrand*



# THE FINNISH TEAM



GERMANY

In a project called as Erasmus+ we went to Germany. In Germany we were learning about German school and every-day life. During the week we got a tour through our host town in this case the town of Bonn. We studied about the history of Germany and teamwork during our projects. We visited few museums and learned new things about German history and the world war II. We learned alot from the trip and also got new friends during the week. The trip was a new experience to us and it was really amazing visiting there.

*Arttu Repo*



GREECE

Still I have good feeling about the journey at Greece. The main things that I remember from the journey are unforgettable friends from Greece and of course from other countries too, great travel companions and of course comfortable warm and sunny weather. I learned many things during the journey but one thing is culture difference between countries and religions. That things are not going same style than your country. I can recommend all this kind of projects for everyone. It teach many helpful skills for your life, than brave to speak for other people and speaking English.

*Santeri Häkkinen*



## School

In Croatia school starts at 7 o'clock and finishes at 13 and they have 20 minutes break for lunch and in Greece it starts at 8 o'clock and finishes at 14 and they have 5-10 minutes breaks between lessons for snack and relax. The Czech Republic has a pretty similar system to the Greek one with a little difference that they have lunch break for 30 minutes after 12:25. After school in Croatia students go home for lunch and then they have free time for after school activities like journalism and sports or they just do their homework or relax. Greek students go to their homes to have lunch and then every student does after school activities, goes for other lessons and has to do his homework for the next day. Czech students usually have lunch in school and then they go back for other lessons. School ends around 2 for younger students and for older ends around half past 2 or half past 3.

## Religion

Croatian and Czech religion is both Christian and Catholic and in Greece it's usually Orthodox Christian. Most people from these countries go to church on Sunday. A small difference is that in Greece Christmas presents are given on New Year's Eve. In the Czech Republic it's on 24th of December and in Croatia it's on 25th December. As you can see, there are some differences between these countries, but all in all, we all have a similar lifestyle.

*Ino Konsta Aneliza (Greece), Jiri Grmolec (Czech Republic)*

## GET 2 KNOW WORKSHOP

### Two groups in an attempt to get to know each other better

The Get2know each other workshop took place in the school classroom on 9th of October (Monday). We were divided into two groups so when one group had the Get2know workshop, the other one was doing graffiti in front of the school. Both groups had to do the same tasks.

### Funny nicknames and some lies

At first, the teacher asked for both our names and nicknames. This helped a lot in getting to know each other a bit better. We played a game called "broken phone" in which we had to explain an image to the person sitting next to us. The last person had to draw this image. When the teacher compared the original image with ours, everyone started laughing. After that, some post-it notes were given to us and we were asked to answer some questions on them. Those questions were about our hobbies and interests. Next, we had to write 2 truths and 1 lie about ourselves on another post-it and then ask the others to find the lie. That was a really funny and interesting workshop as well as a really creative way to get to know each other better so we really liked it.

*Martha Kosmidou (Greece), Weronika Gabryjelska (Poland), Franka Juraković (Croatia)*

## VISIT TO THE ST RAPHAEL PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

### Tour around the hospital and work therapy

At the St. Raphael's hospital, we visited patients under the care of „Brothers of Mercy“ order, on October 10th, 2017. It is a private hospital on Strmac, close to Nova Gradiška, where the project was held. The Brothers of Mercy welcomed us and the prior gave us a tour of the hospital, telling us something about the history of the hospital and the order. We had different activities and workshops that involved the people in the program to work with the patients of the hospital. We could make wish cards, paint glass or sticks, etc. and talk to the patients who were all very nice.

### Interesting experience and good memories

While we were there, we were divided in two groups and each of the groups got to see the hospital and spend some time with the patients. After both groups were done, we were kindly given lunch at the hospital's cafeteria. After the lunch we left with good memories.

*Karla Buturac, Vjeko Dević (Croatia)*



## THE CROATIAN TEAM



## THE POLISH TEAM



### HOST FAMILY

#### A Greek's experience

When I learnt that I will come to Croatia I was a little nervous because I had never traveled abroad. So I started to think what my host family will be like. When I arrived in Nova Gradiska I saw my host, Dorian Kulas, waiting for me. He was very kind to me. I went to his home and I met his mother. She hugged me and after that we ate dinner and discussed about our lives. Being in Dorian's family was a beautiful experience and I will never forget it.

#### A Pole's experience

When I heard that I'm going to Croatia and that I'm going to live in a family of one of the Croatian students, I was so nervous because I had never lived in a home of an unfamiliar family before. When Ivan arrived to pick me up I didn't know what I should say, so when we arrived to his home, I said to him: „I'm really nervous and I can't say anything" because usually I'm not a very communicative person. He has a big family, two sisters and a brother. His mom is really nice and friendly and her food was delicious. Food in his house was just like in mine. When Ivan and I weren't doing project activities, we played Fifa all evening. It was one of the best experiences in my life.

**Aristotel Cami (Greece),  
Krzysztof Durski (Poland)**

### CULTURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CROATIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND GREECE

After spending a few days in Croatia, we have noticed that there are some interesting differences between our countries and Croatia.



I really enjoyed meeting people from other cultures and I made new friends from different countries.

**Zosia Daniłko**

For me, Erasmus is a project that brings people together and is an opportunity to create sparks of future international friendships. It teaches us tolerance. If we are going to be a fundamental part in the future world, then we have to bring as many people, with different cultures, religions, nationalities etc. closer together and eliminate xenophobia in order to make the world more peaceful and open for everybody.

**Michał Stępnicki**

For me Erasmus was one of the best experiences of my life. I'll never forget it.

**Krzysiek Durski**

I am so glad I attended the Erasmus project. I met lots of amazing people that I am still in touch with and I saw a country that I have never been to! I absolutely love the idea of the project.

**Natalia Woźniak**

Erasmus for me wasn't just wonderful time, it was also a great experience.

**Aleks Pieczara**



Erasmus was something awesome and unforgettable. Because of Erasmus I had an opportunity to meet people from different countries.

**Szymon Biłyk**

For me Erasmus was a fantastic experience. It gave me an opportunity to meet and befriend new people from other countries. It was a surely a great time.

**Mateusz Stępnicki**



I'm so glad I took a part in Erasmus project. It was a lifetime experience. I met lots of amazing people, saw new charming places. Also I have had a chance to try some delicious traditional Finnish food and learn about the culture. It was an amazing experience and I hope I'll have a chance to be a part of it one more time.

**Janek Czarnecki**



## THE POLISH TEAM



## THE CROATIAN TEAM



Erasmus was a great experience for me. I met people from all around the Europe. The experience was really memorable.

**Bartek Szachniewicz**

Before Erasmus I wouldn't ever think that I could have so much fun with people who I don't really know. It was the best adventure in my whole life.

**Weronika Gabrielska**



Erasmus was a great experience. I met many amazing people and spent good time with them. It was a great opportunity to improve my English.

**Kasia Słomińska**

Erasmus was an opportunity to get to know: different cultures, other people. It gave me amazing memories and knowledge that one can only get from an experience like that.

**Paulina Dietrich**



For me Erasmus is not just a student exchange, it's a time when you meet many fantastic people and interesting cultures. I would love to take part in the next one.

**Wiktor Grzymiski**

Erasmus was an amazing experience. I don't have any objection. It was a wonderful week.

**Bruno Masternak**



It was something like a battle with my fears and difficulties. Also it as a great experience.

**Wiktoria Kubera**

I have spent really amazing and unforgettable time during Erasmus. I met new people and saw new places. I would love to do it again.

**Maciek Marcinkowski**

Thanks to Erasmus I had an opportunity to observe a different culture and meet many interesting people.

**Natalia Szymczyk**

## You on my mind in Croatia, 9 October 2017 – 13 October 2017 In Gimnazija Nova Gradiška

### WHAT IS TOLERANCE FOR US?

Our project Erasmus+ is focused on tolerance and courage. It is really hard to describe what tolerance means, but a kind of a definition is necessary. So tolerance means treating everyone the same, even if your opinions differ, or your race, religion, or your practices are different from anyone else's. But what does tolerance mean in our project?

### Learning about tolerance through workshops

For example: On Monday afternoon we had an art workshop. We did graffiti on the wall which is close to the school. We had to write one sentence there, but we could choose one colour and fill one letter with this colour. It depended on us which colour we wanted. So it was tolerance. Next day we were in the hospital and we were talking and working with patients. They had an art workshop so they could paint, work with ceramic clay, the caps... everything that made them happy and calm. In our project tolerance means respect for people from other countries, helping them, listening to them. Here are some other examples of tolerant things we did during Erasmus meeting in Croatia.

**Katerina Ondruskova (Czech republic), Petra Oršulić (Croatia)**

### PRESENTATIONS ABOUT BRAVE AND TOLERANT PEOPLE

#### What was it about?

Each country had the task to prepare a short presentation about a person from their country who is brave, tolerant or both. That took place in Nova Gradiška's town hall.

We learnt a lot of new interesting facts about every country participating in our spectacular Erasmus plus project. For example the Croatian students proved us, that even the smallest children can show huge courage through a very nice presentation about the girl in the blue coat. Of course we also heard other great stories, a Greek composer, the first Finnish female president, the first Czech president, a wonderful Polish couple Jan and Antonina Žabiński and the German women rights activist, Clara Cetkin. Yes, we liked it very much. The topic is also the main reason of our project and we found out many new things about the other countries.

**Lucie Scerbikova, Terezie Balastikova (Czech Republic)**

### TRAINING NEW WAY OF DISCUSSION

On Wednesday (11th of October) we had a chance to participate in a school debate whose topic was tolerance and bravery. Pupils were divided in three groups according to age from the youngest to oldest. Students had a chance to experience a new and not common way of discussion.

#### Interesting topics and discussions

In the first debate (the youngest students) the thesis was Corporal punishment in education. Students were divided in two opposite sides depending on their own opinion. Even the group that was for was outnumbered. They had better arguments and they won. The second debate was about immigration problems. This topic was great because of today's politics of accepting immigrants around the world and the main dilemma concerning it – should immigrants be accepted or not. The Germans had the best arguments because their politics is based on immigration and they were best informed about that. And the rest of us really learnt a lot from them. The last debate had the same as the first one but both sides were equal so there was no winner and that's why it was the most interesting one.

**Lorena Savi, Leo Jurišić (Croatia)**