

LITHUANIA MEETING – BARKIN(TURKEY)

Monday, May 1

I got up at half past nine in the morning. Dominykas was awake when I got up. Breakfast was ready. Breakfast was delicious. Pancakes were wrapped around the banana. After we finished breakfast, we left and went to school. They talked about their schools, countries and education systems in the school's conference hall. After the narration, they distributed papers of different colors to everyone. Those with the same color paper were in the same group. I was in the pink group. Then they took a few of us and had them choose two emotions. Then we toured the school. As far as I understand, there is a separate class for each subject in their school and students go to the class where the class is held. Then we had a tea and coffee break. There was a cake on the counter at this break. It was perfect. During the whole event, I ate at least 4-5 every day. After the break, we did an oriental-like activity with our groups by downloading an app called Actionbound. We learned the history of Radviliškis. What caught my attention was that Radviliškis had so many train images in it. While playing the game, we became more connected and used both our math, geography and language skills for different tasks. We had to shoot videos in some places. It was a little embarrassing. Then we made soap in chemistry class. The chemistry teacher was a little nervous. We dyed our soap blue and put cannabis oil in it, but I forgot to take it with me on my way back to Turkey. After school, we went to Central Park and played volleyball as the whole Erasmus group. Before going to bed I thought about this beautiful and tiring day.

Tuesday, May 2

We woke up in the morning, had our breakfast and went to school. We had to work with our groups established the previous day at school and make projects from the Arduino booklet that was given. However, those in my group did not know Arduino. That's why I had to tell them while I was doing the projects. It wasn't too much trouble because everyone understood it easily, the only trouble was that I couldn't do some tasks. Then we went to a laboratory and they gave us 4 tasks there. Everyone worked on one of these tasks. I did a task about the temperature of the environment. Then the groups presented their tasks. Then we went to Haçlar Hill. It was a very beautiful and interesting place. After visiting this hill, we had dinner and went to school. Various dance etc. in school. We did events, then each country had to do a dance unique to itself. As Turks, we played the groom's aunt. It was more fun than I expected. After leaving school, we had dinner and entered the sauna at Pijus' house. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Sweating in the sauna and jumping into the pool outside was both very chilling and fun. But the best was the jacuzzi. After Pijus left his house, we went home and immediately went to bed.

Wednesday, May 3

We got up early in the morning and took the bus to go to Vilnius. The journey took several hours. First we went to Kaunas University. Classes were great. In one classroom, there were robot arms. They were very cool. After leaving the university, we went to the Vilnius Energy Technologies Museum. Here, first they showed us with tesla coils and then they gave us a tour. Then we used the tools in the museum. Although they were tiring, they were fun. After the museum we went to Vilnius Castle. The view was very pleasant. I bought a commemorative coin from the gift shop. From there we went to Vilnius Cathedral. That challenge was perfect. The buildings were old style and very beautiful. After leaving the teachers, we as Turks toured the city alone. We bought souvenirs. We had our dinner at KFC. Then we got on the buses and went back to Radviliškis. Today was the best day of the whole trip.

Thursday, May 4

We got up in the morning, had breakfast and went to school. There was a city design activity with the groups formed on the first day of school. We designed Lugytown. Then, the groups were combined in pairs and a sumo competition was held. Only I from our group worked. The traditional dance event after the competitions was fun but tiring.

Friday, May 5

We got up in the morning and went to a place like a flower garden. I think it was a very nice garden. Especially the house on the plot was very beautiful. I wish it was mine. After that, we went back to school. They gave us certificates at school. We skipped an event because there was no time. After they released us, there was some confusion and the other Turks went bowling without me, Deniz and Arda. But we went to play pool and had a lot of fun. After that, we went to Pijus' house again. We entered the sauna and jacuzzi one last time. It was beautiful again. Then we went home and went straight to sleep.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this event and everyone I know for these beautiful moments and memories.

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