

## **Anton Granroth: Erasmus+ Bulgaria Diary**

Sunday:

We went to Helsinki Airport on Sunday morning. We had a stopover at Istanbul. In Istanbul we decided that it was a good idea to prepare for Monday's presentation. I met my hosts when I got to Sofia Airport. They seemed pretty nice.

Monday:

I woke up and we went to the school. We took the bus and we stepped out on the third stop. There I met that one Bulgarian girl and that one Romanian guy. Then we went to the school. At the school we had to give the presentations. Our presentation would have been good, we just didn't prepare enough. There we also met the headmaster of Italy and the prophet of Romania. Then we had a tour around the school. I went to the toilet, but there weren't any seats... it was just a hole in the ground. Also, the doors didn't have locks 0/10. Then we went to a polytechnical museum. There they taught us about cars, how old music players used to work, and that glass is actually green. It was pretty interesting. After the museum we went to KFC.

Tuesday:

In the morning we went to the Muzeiko science center. It was fun in some way. We had to recycle paper, which may have been a teeny-tiny little bit boring. First we dried up the paper, then we started gently pressing the water out of it. Then we did that for about 45 minutes. Then we had to iron them, and then they let us out. We also had this cool chemistry lab where we did cool science things. After Muzeiko we had to plant some trees. They wanted me to do dig up some ground for the trees, but I couldn't because the shovel was a square. After the program we went downtown. We went to see some big building, some street and a couple of churches. We had fun. We taught the Bulgarians some appropriate words. Then we went to McDonald's.

Wednesday:

We had to go straight to the train station. Then we went to Pernik, a mining town. We went to a historical museum which had all kinds of things from Ancient Roman

soldier costumes to guns. The mining museum was interesting. Apparently the mine cost many money. Then we went to eat at a restaurant in Pernik. The food was fine but it took longer than watching all the James Bond movies in a row. Then we went back to the train station and the train was late. In Sofia we went to play snooker.

Thursday:

On Thursday we went to some chemistry/metallurgy university. There they told us things about science. Apparently we didn't have the program we were supposed to at the university, which explains why the powerpoints were in Bulgarian. But it was cool. We got to test some thermal cameras. Their library was built in 2008, and it has been a library ever since. After the school we went to eat at this one good pizzeria. We went back to our school and we had a drawing competition. I drew a beautiful cow in a field. But apparently that wasn't good enough. After the program, we went bowling. We also played laser tag and Elias got the high score in this one basketball game-thingy.

Friday:

On Friday we went to Sofia university. There was this huge mammoth's skeleton. After that we went looking around town. We went to see some ruins. Then we went to the same McDonald's we were in on tuesday. They had this crazy party back at the school, which, In Finnish, we would call "mehubileet". Suddenly at the party, everyone started crying. I thought that someone had died, but apparently it was just the thought of the project coming to an end that lit up emotions.

Saturday:

On Saturday morning my hosts took me to the airport. I said goodbye and then we flew back to Helsinki.

IN BRIEF: What did I learn in Bulgaria?

I learned various things about pollution and climate change. I also learned many interesting ways we can try to stop it. And I learned some things about Bulgaria too.