



REPORT HAMBURG VISIT 24th -30th January 2016.

On Sunday, 24th a group of representatives Chiara D'Aleo, Zaira Davide, Nirodh Prathapa, Mina Younan e Zineb El Mounjali, accompanied by our teachers Giuseppe Gioncardi and Paola Bertocchi left for Hamburg.

We met at the airport two hours before the flight to do the check-in and then we had lunch together.

The plane was 40 minutes late, but after this inconvenient we flew to Hamburg, where our hosts were waiting for our arrival. It was a warm welcome in a cold town. The flight took about 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Our hosts lived not far from the airport, it took approximately 25 minutes to get to host families' houses.

We had 3 hours free time, so we could introduce ourselves to our hosts families, relax, arrange our things and also for a quick visit to the town. In my case, I also played some indoor activities and had a ride bike.

Our welcome appointment was at 7 at the "Gymnasium Marienthal", where we met our friends from Germany, France, Greece, Lithuania and Spain.

Our German partner organised a Chinese buffet catered by a local restaurant and served by students, probably, to introduce the theme of migration right from the beginning.



Monday 25th January

Monday, January 25th was the first whole day that we spent in Hamburg, we met at school at 8.30 after breakfast with the host family. The project started with a short speech of the principal of the “Gymnasium Marienthal”, Frau von Schachtmeyer and then we did the tour of the school. We visited some classrooms, a different aspect is that they became smaller and smaller as the degree of the class grows.



Prof. Gioncardi receiving Hamburg agenda

We also visited a refugee camp close to the school and another one that was in the gym of the school, in fact students now have to take the bus and have gym lessons in another place. After that, we had a speed meeting so we introduced to each other; we had to ask something to people we didn't know and write down something we found interesting, for example something really different or similar to us.



Getting organized

At 10 o'clock we met altogether and every country presented the work they had prepared working on the Media Analysis and some Greek students made a report on the book "Cockroach" by Rawi Hage. This activity took one hour and half and we had the opportunity to understand what the Media write and which are the different ideas about migrants in the other countries.



Greek students presenting their work

At 11.30 we all went to the canteen to have lunch: we had to choose between pasta and spring rolls.

At 12.30 two German students shared with us what they discovered about the questionnaire used by that every students to interview migrants. They presented the results of each question pointing out the differences between the various countries

At 13.10 we left the school to go to visit the city. We took the bus and then the train to reach the ferry port and have a short ferry tour.

We then walked through the Portuguese Quarter to visit Saint Michael Church, the biggest Lutheran one in Hamburg, and we had the chance to climb the bell tower. From the top of the bell tower we could have a beautiful view of the whole city and we could see the most interesting and suggestive places of the city. The interior was really majestic, with baroque white and golden decorations. We also visited the Rathaus, the seat of the government of Hamburg and as such, the seat of one of the sixteen German state parliaments.



St. Michael Kirche

From 17.00 we had leisure time and we could decide to go home to relax or to stay out and go shopping with the other new friends.

In the evening we had dinner at home with the host families.

Zaira Davide



Workshop Room



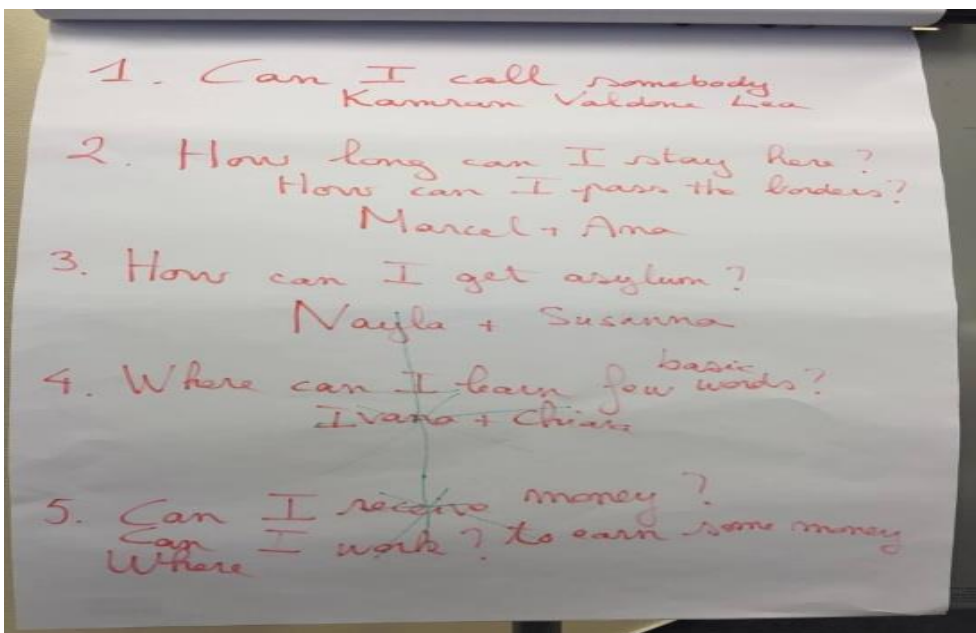
Hamburger Rathaus

Tuesday 26th January 2016

Our day started at the “Gymnasium Marienthal” in classroom number 5, where we met with all the students and the teachers of the Erasmus Plus Project. For the new workshops, we were divided into four groups, ready to start working. Two workshops were on the questions that the migrants can have once arrived in the hosting country; while the others two worked on the results gotten by the questionnaire (this workshop actually started the week before in each single country, in Rho we got organised to collect data, as well).



Gymnasium Marienthal



Some notes to prepare the kit

We started at nine o'clock and ended at quarter to three, with a break at half past eleven for lunch. In the afternoon we returned at the city center, as the day before, where we visited Haburg

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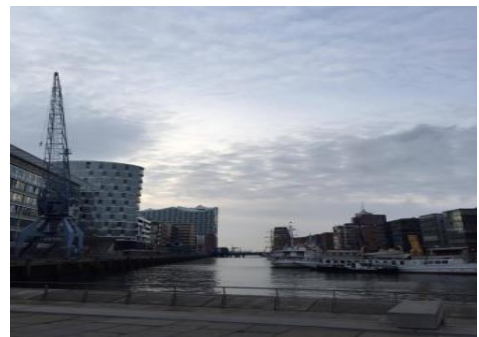


city, where you can see “” that had been included to be included in the UNESCO’s World Heritage list. Because of the outstanding universal value of Hamburg’s urban, maritime warehouse

complex and office district from the early 20th century. Hamburg now has its first World Heritage Site. The outstanding universal value of the two monofunctional but complementary areas is reflected in Hamburg’s historic warehouse district with its connecting network of roads, canals and bridges dating from 1885 to 1927 and in the modern red-brick architecture of the office building ensembles for port-related use from the 1920s to 1940s.



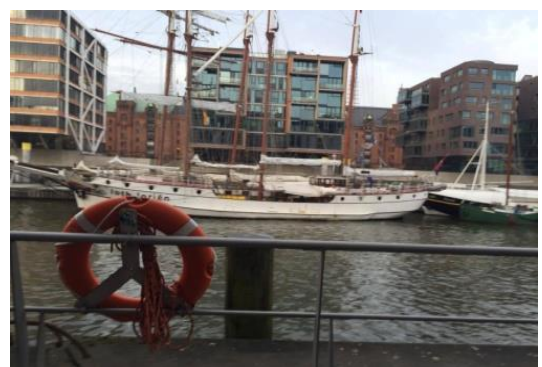
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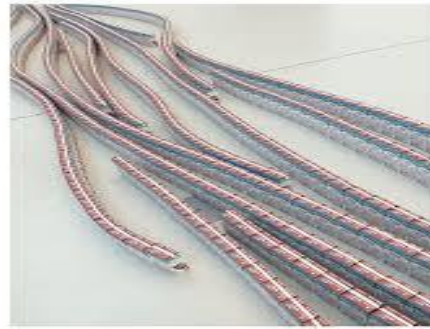
Views from the Bridges





The group listening to prof. Stefan Mohr

Our journey ended with the visit to a modern art museum where there was an exhibition about Migration: Streamlines. This is what I have read about the exhibition: »Streamlines« focuses on the metaphor of the oceans in order to examine the cultural effects of the global stream of goods and trade from the South to the North. In a broader sense, the show initiates a reflection on the issue of how oceans are used, how social, political and economic inequalities can be visualized through the seas, and how one can understand the status of invisible borders and the notion of property in relation to the oceans.



The exhibition “Streamlines”



At six o'clock all the hosting students and the hosted ones went to a typical German restaurant: Hofbräu. It was a nice evening, a good occasion to better know each other and enjoy typical dishes in a typical German place.



After dinner we walked along the port and also in the downtown, then we took the underground to go back to our "new" families.



Nayla Hamade

Wednesday 27th January

It was Wednesday, 27th January and according to the programme schedule which we were given by the German team it was the day which we were going to visit the "Ballinstadt Museum". So in the morning we all had breakfast. So everyone came to school at about 8.30 in the morning.

Afterwards we left the school and we got for Wandsbek Markt station. And there the tube, for Veddel station. Then from station we had to walk to the the It was a cold day!



the bus we took the museum.

Once we got tickets we visited the first part of the museum where we saw walls were covered with information about immigrants and the models of ships they used to immigrate etc. Next to that there was a cloak room where we needed to keep our jackets and other stuff. So we kept our jackets there and moved to the next part of the museum. The museum is divided into different buildings similar to houses. Teachers divided us into small groups and told us that we could enter a museum



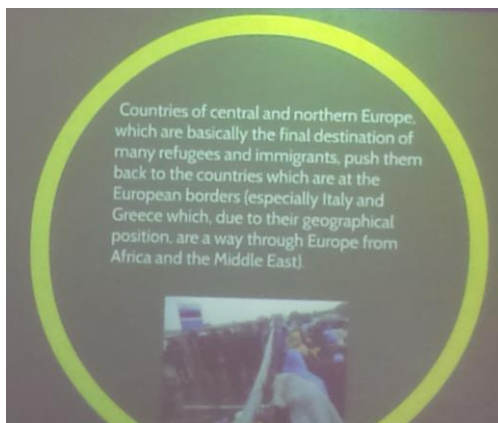
once because the ticket was not available for double entrance. And everyone had a task sheet. They were like questions about immigrants and their life stories, how they emigrated and why? What kind of problems they faced during the immigration. And inside the museum there were a lot of voice messages telling the stories of different immigrants. So you could select a

person to answer the questions. After that there were some photos in the 90's which show the immigration flow in Europe. After that we spent some time inside the museum. So at about 12.30 we left the museum and we split into tiny groups to have lunch. Some went to restaurants, like Turkish restaurants and some went to Pizza Hut. And it was very exciting to get together with the students of the project.

At about 14.00 most students came to school with their hosts and there was a little break. At about 14.45 there were some presentations by the France and Greece teachers. The French teacher introduced the Schengen zone and Greek teacher focused on Dublin II.

Teachers pointed out and some positive presentations we the “Quotes of the

It seemed everyone had a break. The German partners offered us some snacks.



the negative aspects of Dublin II issue of Schengen zone. After the haven't had enough time to decide week". So we skipped the task.

was tired and at about 17.30 we

After the short break everyone was invited to the Auditorium to join a meeting with some Syrian refugees, a student and a teacher with migration background, a representative of Hamburger authorities and a German cultural mediator, who was brought up by Turkish parents. The theme was: “Being a refugee in Hamburg”. The two Syrian young men explained the reasons why they came to Germany and how. They left their country, where they were both attending University, because of war.



And the following interview was with the pakistan lady and she said that her parents were immigrated in Germany some time before so she born there. And also how she feel to be german ecc. And their were some comments and questions from most of the students at the end of the presentation. The presentation took about 2 hours and everyone was so happy to hear the stories from the immigrants and also for the organization.

When the presentation finished every student got the permission to go the host families and the teacher went to their hotels to have dinner. So everyone enjoyed working on the the project and also visiting some interesting places.





Nirodh speech at the meeting

Thursday 28th January

On Thursday, January 28th 2016 all the partners of Erasmus project were at in school “Gymnasium Marienthal” at 7:30 am then we left for Berlin, it took more than 3 hours then at 11:30 am we arrived in Berlin then we walked for 45 minutes throughout the city, at first we saw the “REICHSTAG” building is a historical edifice in Berlin, Germany, constructed to house the Imperial Diet, of the German Empire. It was opened in 1894. It was opened in 1894.

Then we saw the Brandeburger Tor is a neoclassical door of Berlin it is the most famous monument of Berlin and its known in all over the world, it is the symbol of the city itself (we took lots of funny pictures) later we went in The holocaust memorial that is in the Mitte district and its a memorial to remember the Jews that lost their life in WWI.



In front of the Brandeburger Tor

After that we walked to Potsdamer Platz that is one of the most famous square where we saw some remains of Berlin wall all covered with graffiti.

At 13:00 we took the bus again to reach Jewish Museum.

In 15 minutes we arrived at the museum they gave us red stickers and then we were split into 3 groups each group had a guided tours connected to our topic.

It was really touching, but too short, in fact was just spent one hour, then the bus drove us to Kottbuser tor one of he famous square of Berlin then we split into 3 groups again each group had a guided tours around Berlin Kreuzberg focusing on immigration this tour was called ("Kreuzberg-immigrant Berlin") Organized by Stadtreisen.



After this tour all the groups met again and we walked together to a Turkish Resturant where we were served a typical Turkish dish: “keffte”.



Some of us in front of some remains of Berlin wall



At the restaurant

At 18:00 the bus drove us to Kurfurstendamm , there we had time to do shopping and/ or walk around city.

At 20:00 we met at bus station and left for Hamburg, where we found host families who picked us up. Going to Berlin was one of the best experience of my life

Zineb El Mounjali

Friday 29th January

Friday was the last day of our Erasmus visit in Hamburg; in the morning we met at school at 10 a.m, because we went to bed late the night before, in fact the day before it we took three hours to come back from Berlin. During the morning each workshop group of the previous days presented their work to the other groups and teachers: there were two groups that organized a role play to show the “*rescue kit*” for refugees that they had written; while the other two groups had prepared a Prezi presentation to show the results a deep analysis of the migrants questionnaires that had already been introduced on the first day. After this activity we were given free time for lunch and for the afternoon; the work done in the morning was very interesting because it showed the results about the cooperation developed among us only in five days. In the afternoon, some of us went to Hamburg's centre to visit the town again, others went to the big mall the town to do some shopping, the last went to some German guys' house to spend some time with them. We experienced a typical German afternoon; and this proves that Erasmus Project can create new, good friendships, in very little time: working together about hard issues, discussing unusual topics, can help to get a feeling. That's what I experienced!

Then, we met at school at half past seven; the German group organized a farewell party with two groups of musicians; the first was a Turkish group, that made us dance on some typical Turkish songs (also all the teachers were dancing!); thanks to the music, this beautiful universal language, we shared this moment of friendship and fun. The second group played on some disco music do made us inleash in dances and, this time, teachers were only watching us and laughing. We really enjoyed ourselves, even if we were a bit sad because that night was our last moment together and soon, we would have to say goodbye to our new friends.

The moment of “goodbye” is always the worst and the best at the same time (it's sound contradictory, but it is really like that!): greeting the new people that you met, you can truly realize what this experience gave to you and what it leaves inside you.; and, you're sad because it's finished, but grateful because you'll remember it as a moment of growth.

Hamburg experience was a really interesting and educational week and gave me lots to say thanks for: I had the opportunity to improve my knowledge of English talking about a serious problem that is afflicting us, I met new people who I'll keep in touch with, even if we live far away, and I grew up, learning new things, even without realizing it.

Chiara D'Aleo

Saturday 30th January

We had to come back to Milan, after a great week full of relevant experiences.

Our hosts drove us to the airport,
where we sadly said our feelings
to them and wished them all the best.
Our flight was on time and we arrived
in Italy at 9 in the morning, our parents
welcomed us back.

Mina Younan

