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ERASMUS + MOBILITY IN THE GERMANY

As a partner in an international Erasmus+ project about World War II-our history and its cultural legacy we took part in the first mobility organized by German school Heinrich-Böll-Gymnasium in Troisdorf. There are partners from different European countries involved in the project so our students were excited to visit Germany and finally meet all of them, ready to work together on project tasks.

This mobility took place from 21 to 25 January 2019 and was focused on destinies of young people fighting in the war.



DAY 1 Arrival in Germany

First meeting of all participating students and teachers took place in a youth hostel in Cologne where we could get to know each other, present our schools and countries. In the election of the project logo our Greek partners won with a beautiful combination of partners' flags and their traditional landmarks together with doves as a symbol of peace.



DAY 2 Burg Vogelsang

On the second day we went on an excursion to Burg Vogelsang, a former training center of the Nazi elites located in the woods of Eifel National Park. Students had a tour with a professional guide explaining them the process of education of future Nazi leaders. We could admire monumental Nazi architecture of the huge building complex in the middle of the forest.

ORDENSBURG VOGELSANG: In the shadow of the Third Reich

Burg Vogelsang, an imposing complex of dozens of buildings perched above Lake Urft, was built between 1934 and 1936 by Cologne architect Clemens Klotz as a training centre for the Nazi leaders of the future. Young men attended classes there between 1936 and 1939, until they were sent home at the start of World War II. The former NS-Ordensburg Vogelsang is now an international point to remember the importance of human rights and international cooperation.

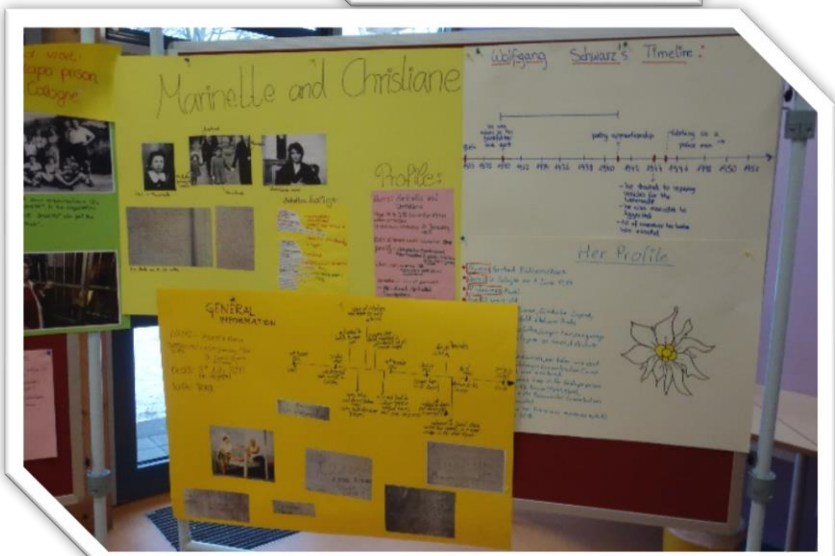


DAY 3 Visiting Cologne

After spending a night in hosting families we went on a trip to Cologne where students had chance to learn about the situation of Jews during WW II in the neighbourhood Ehrenfeld . We also received information about the activities of a group of young people Edelweiss Pirates revolting against the Nazi regime.



Our next steps led us to the NS Documentary centre where we were showed around the cells of the former Gestapo prison. After the visit, the workshop was prepared and we searched information about the former Gestapo prisoners. After going through their biographies, posters about them were made as a teamwork.



Day 4 Remagen bridge

After having watched a movie Bridge at Remagen, we were really curious to see the remnants of the Ludendorff Bridge, the symbol of liberation of Europe from the Nazis. It was the only remaining bridge across the Rhine still standing in the spring of 1945 and we visited the Museum of Peace installed in the towers of the original bridge. During the tour we learned all about the bridge history, its capture by the Allies, the destinies of soldiers fighting in the battle.



The above mentioned movie Bridge at Remagen was partially shot in a small Czech city Davle because the film makers weren't allowed to make the bridge scenes on its original place so they used a similar bridge in Czechoslovakia.

The capture of the bridge at Remagen was an important milestone for American forces, permitting the Allies to transport troops and tanks across the Rhine River into the heartland of Nazi Germany.



After the arrival from Germany our students made a presentation about Bridge at Remagen movie with focus on a small Czech contribution. And with a big interest in the topic they decided to have a workshop on building a replica of the Remagen bridge with available materials such as paper, cardboard and plastic. They did a great job!



DAY 5 going home

On the last day of our stay we had to say good bye to our new friends, thank to host families for our hospitality and we came back home with new memories and experience.

