

Arrival

We flew to Portugal 23/3. The Portuguese were at the Oporto airport to receive us.

Monday

Every country told us about their country in a presentation. Portugal told us about landfills.

After this, we had a 'European Snack'. Each country brought food from their country and served it to the others. The food was delicious. Then we went to visit a catering factory, where food vending machines and packed foods are produced.

On our free time we went shopping to the Espaço Guimarães shopping center, where we found a lot of nice things to buy. We messed up with the bus schedule and missed the bus, and we would have had to wait more than an hour for the next one, so we called a taxi, which cost only around 7 euros per car, with there being two cars to pick us up, it was around 15 euros in total. In Finland we would have paid the same fee, 3 euros per person, to take the bus. We were dead tired when we got back to the hotel, and we slept extremely well.

Tuesday

We went to Famalicao, which is a really beautiful town. We visited the Youth House, where young people can spend time, record music or even get help starting up their own business. Young to-be entrepreneurs can keep meetings there if they don't have another place to do so.

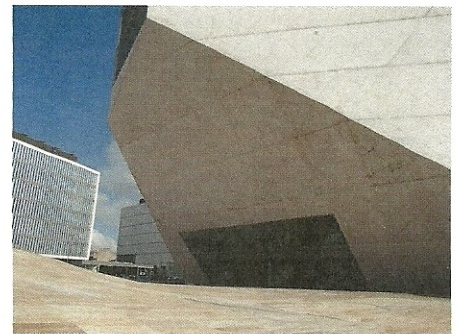
We had an extremely delicious meal in the youth house. Meat, fruit and juice were served in a smorgasbord. We enjoyed the company of the other countries' students.



We went to visit Devesa Park, where we were supposed to rehearse the flash mob we are to perform in Helsinki, but due to the weather we decided to rehearse it back at Didaxis.

Wednesday

We took a bus to Porto, where we visited the Music House and got to walk around Porto for a while, having lunch at Bom Sucesso Market. Shortly after we visited Sandeman's Oporto Wine Cellar where we met "Zorro", who presented the Cellar for us. Actually Zorro was a worker at the Wine Cellar who was dressed as the hero portrayed in the Sandeman Wine logo. We also saw the Atlantic Ocean while were in Porto.



Thursday

We visited the landfill on Thursday. We found it strange how the Portuguese leave it to the waste facility to sort their waste. Later we were dumped in a small seaside town (Villa do Conde) to look around town. This was confusing, because the main attraction seemed to be a Lidl.

Vale São Cosme



We traveled to Portugal 23/3 – 28/3 to participate in the Portuguese Comenius Project mobility hosted by the school Didaxis. 6 countries participated: Germany, Turkey, Finland, Poland, Lithuania and Portugal. The Comenius Project is a project to raise awareness for environmental issues. We stayed in a hotel in Guimaraes. The Portuguese introduced us to local sights and showed us a local landfill.

Landfill

A landfill is a site for the disposal of waste materials by burial and is the oldest form of waste treatment. Today much of the waste can be reclaimed by using different methods, basically burning some materials for energy and recovering others.



A landfill in Portugal that is yet to be filled with waste.