In Sunday, 4th of October the group of four fearless women from Biskupské gymnasium Brno- teachers Ms. Krumpholcová and Helceletová and students Adéla Hajasová from III. B and Helena Havelková from Sexta B, meet in a morning to start our journey to Vilnius, capital of Lituania, in order to take part in a first meeting in Erasmus+ project with topic: European Challenges in Sustainable EnergyProduction by Biotechnology. After changing planes in Warsaw, and landing in Vilnius, we met our host-families, where we stayed till the end of the week.

In Monday all of us (students and teachers from every country) met in representative hall of Vilnius Jesuit gymnasium and we were listening songs from their choir; unexpectedly we joined the choir and were singing in lathuanian language too, I will remember it for a long time.. After this we went to a chemistry lab, where we saw a presentation of Vilnius school and then other schools which are participating in the project- Pforzeim and Hamburk (both from Germany), Vienna (Austria), Levoča (Slovakia), Evreux (France), Miskolec (Hungary), Athens (Grece), Istanbul (Turkey) a Brno. Afterwards the project was introduced, our first task will be to develop a fermentor to produce biofuel from various bioorganic materials. In our case, we will try to produce biofuel form corn and fruit waste. After a short talk about e-twinning- our space to share information - we (students) had two hours long walk through the Vilnius city centre with our host siblings. In the evening had a very nice dinner.

In Tuesday we had some talks about the topic- developing the fermentor and producing the biofuel anf biogas. After this presentation our task was to translate this materials into our mother language from English. In the afternoon we played volleyball and basketball in the school gym. Then we could go to pizzeria or home.

In Wednesday was basically did the same as in Tuesday. After explaining construction and function of the fermentor and various discussions about next meeting in Pforzheim, we finished with the translations. In the afternoon we went to a museum of victims of genocide. The museum was opened after getting a freedom from Soviet Union in 1992. The building, which we visited was a prison, it was mainly used by Germans during the first and second world war as Gestapo office in Lithuania. I had a very deep experience from this, it impressed me very much.

Thursday was the excursion day. In the morning we visited thermal power station in Vilnius, which is powered by natural gas, petroleum and biomass. We saw outdoor supplies biomass, biomass processing and the interior of the plant. After this excursion we had time for ourselves in old town and then we had a lunch in school canteen (which was except last day the same meal). After lunch we visited Old campus of Vilnius University. We looked at a hall, library, old astronomical observatory and the tallest tower in the old town. The area is including a church with a magic decoration. Professors visited the school catacombs and we students, we had to play the orientation game, but because it was very cold, we prefered to hide in a nearby restaurant.

On the last day we had a trip to Kaunas, the second largest city in Lithuania. We arrived by bus into the local Lithuanian Energy Institute, where we visited part of the area and find out what ingredients are used to produce energy in Lithuania. Next stop was in the monastery of Pažaislis, which was founded by the Poles and which is the most important Baroque monument on Lithuanian territory. The monastery is located in a quiet place, surrounded by a lake and trees. Another short bus ride that took us to the Ethnographic Museum in the open air in Rumšiškės, where we first put traditional Lithuanian food - soup and minced meat wrapped in cabbage with potatoes. Towards the end, we walked about 1.5 kilometres away, and tried the games they played in past centuries in Lithuania. In the evening we arrived in Vilnius and got an hour off to go shopping. At the end of the program, we met in the old campus of the University of Vilnius, where we all had dinner on our second and final dinner, said goodbye and say that we certainly have to happen at the next meeting in Pforzheimu.

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