

Comenius Live! – Uden, the Netherlands 2015



The fourth meeting of ‘Comenius Live!’ exchange project took place in Uden in the Netherlands (25th March 2015 – 29th March 2015). Its theme was “Law and Justice” with the concentration on the topic of cybercrime. Once again students from Holland, Poland, German, Spain and Norway met to work and discuss difficult issues affecting today’s Europe.



Since the very first moment we arrived, we were greeted with tremendous kindness and benevolence of the Dutch. They took us to the bowling area where we got to know each other and really bonded. Most of us got to this place riding a bicycle – we were enormously impressed by a comfort and a large number of bike lanes everywhere.

On Monday we started working on our project with people from the Netherlands, Spain, Norway, Germany so the international atmosphere was really perceptible in the air. Our task back in Poland was to stalk a person from a different country, that was assigned to us, on the Internet and then prepare a presentation about them. It turned out to be a really funny experience for every

one of us. Furthermore, each delegation talked about the legislation of their state concerning cybercrime. We exchanged opinions about cybercrime and possible solutions to it in today's world, and learn about different points of view. We became more aware of the problems that young people in Europe and the world face when comes to problems of privacy and safety in the internet space

During the visit to the department of law of Radboud University in Nijmegen where we learned about criminal law in the Netherlands. It was really interesting, because we were able to notice many similarities and differences between Polish legal system and Dutch one. It gave us a great deal of information about procedures and functioning of the law in Holland. It was very useful during further part of the project when we were to work on individual, real life cases. We had free time for the rest of the day and we used to it to spend some time with our international friends and get to know them better.



We spent a day in Hague, a city known for its prominence in case of law. First of all, we went to the headquarters of the Hague Security Delta. We had a lecture about the safety and security in the Internet and how does the issue

of cybercrime is addressed in Netherlands. Later we went to the Museum of Communication. It was pretty hard for us to understand anything there, since everything was in Dutch but our hosts were very helpful and eager to serve as translators☺ Some of us found a way to entertain ourselves during the time there – we took part in a quiz about communication that was entirely in Dutch. We could not understand a thing, yet we managed to score 9 points! Afterwards, we were genuinely proud of ourselves!



Most interesting part of the project was when we prepared a lawsuit concerning different ‘cybercrime’ cases. We were given different roles – defense attorneys, prosecutors and even judges! It took great deal of effort, communication and compromising at times to prepare our role. It made us more aware about the issue of cybercrime in Europe and challenges that it can pose for regular people. It was great opportunity to express own opinions, needs, feelings and communicate clearly about them in a common language. It turned out really professional at the end, therefore we were extremely proud of ourselves.

Not only the project but as well friendly and hospitable welcome that we received made our stay worth while☺