



Youth in politics

On 26th of October 2018 a group of students from II Liceum Ogólnokształcące in Poznan had an opportunity to take on roles of Members of the European Parliament on an international youth meeting in Strasbourg called Euroscola. For one whole day groups of students from EU countries were given a chance to present their schools and take part in committee meetings as well as the plenary session in the European Parliament, just like real MEPs.

Since the early morning every student was assigned to a particular working group depending on the topic they were obliged to prepare earlier. The first point on the agenda was series of presentations of schools from each country made by 2 pupils in not their native language. Polish school was represented by 2 speakers: Zuzanna Wojtkowska and Krzysztof Jajor.

Next activity of the day was a debate about the future of Europe with an MEP from Spain – Rosa Estaràs Ferragut who also introduced students to the functions of European institutions. Students also had an opportunity to have a fruitful discussion with another MEP from Spain - Enrique Calvet Chambon.

After dinner in the European Parliament students took part in a quiz about European Union – Eurogame. The rules of the game is to form groups consisting of 4 people (where each person has to be from a different country) and answer a set of questions in different languages. The game turned out to be an exceptional ice-breaker for students and enabled them to communicate more freely with others and make new friends.

Next part of the programme was based on working in committees and debating on a projects addressing some of the most important challenges for European Union such as: Environment and renewable energy; Security and Human Rights; 2018 European year of cultural heritage; The future of Europe; Migration and integration; Youth employment.

After the discussions students went back to the plenary session and voted on the projects prepared in committees. Projects prepared in groups about Environment and renewable energy, Security and Human Rights, Migration and Integration and Youth Employment had the majority in the Parliament and passed. After the resolutions were adopted, the final of Eurogames took place. Intense day of Euroscola ended as flags of all member states were brought to the plenary session accompanied by the European anthem „Ode to Joy”.





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