

Diary Entry of March 15th

Dear diary,

The last days I was in Sofia the capital of Bulgaria for working at the Comenius project where I was involved in. Landing in Sofia we met the Belgium students and then we went to school by bus. The first day it was raining all the time. Our first impression was that everything is a bit different than in Germany. I have never seen so many dogs and cats living on the street before. I think just every family lives in a flat. The school of the Bulgarian students and also the toilets are different. Near the hotel our teacher lived we changed our money from Euro to Bulgarian money.



The reception was very nice and to get to know the other students was exciting. We Germans had to go to the toilets; it was strange and different but you got used to it. The technology standard was another one than in Germany. There were many positive impressions, we were received very well, and everyone was nice there. The first time we met our host students at school, I was

very lucky to hear that Lola's and my exchange students are best friends. In the evening we ate at McDonald and later we went up to the cinema. The film we watched was in English and not in Bulgarian so we could understand everything. Arriving at home in the later evening it was new for me to live in a small flat with the whole family but very nice. I slept in Reneta's bed and she on the sofa. Well, they had a normal toilet and a lavatory. Their places were smaller but with many colours. On the one hand there is everything a bit different than in our country but on the other hand the people are much nicer than most Germans. Her parents were that nice and lovely I have never seen before in Germany. Besides I got a present from my host family although they have not so much money to live on. In this country other facts and values are much more important than money. In the evening we ate at home once more but then I could not eat anymore and I felt very sorry for that. We drank zaziki so I really lived in another culture. I was really impressed to see how happy they are with what they have and for them the family values are very important. They have never seen another country or state in their life but they seem so happy and satisfied in their life and they do not want to live in another place than Sofia. The week in Sofia showed me that we live quite differently and are not always pleased about what we own, though we live in affluence. I love having been in Sofia.

