

Erasmus+: 'Water and its magical power'

1st High school of Pyrgos

We are George, Giannis, Dennis and George, the four students of the Greek school 1st High School of Pyrgos, who visited Brno in Czech Republic during the course of our Erasmus+ project "Water and its Magical Power", accompanied by our teachers Maria Birba, Zoi Kavallieratou and our headmaster Nikos Mastoras.



Monday 28 September

We started our trip from Pyrgos at 7:30 in the morning and at 14:00 we arrived at the airport 'Eleftherios. Venizelos' of Athens. We took the airplane at 15:00 and 2 hours later we arrived in Vienna. After 3 hours of delay we started the final stage of our trip and at 22:00 we arrived in Brno where we met the families who were going to host us.



Then, we went at our hosts' homes where we had the first opportunity to discuss and know better our Czech friends.

Tuesday 29 September

We woke up early in the morning, had breakfast with our host families and took the bus to go to school. We visited the classrooms and the facilities of the school which we found very cozy and functional, very nicely decorated and well-equipped. There we met our schoolmates from the other countries (Spain, Romania, France, Czech Republic, Bulgaria).

After that, all the delegations went to the City Hall of Brno where the official welcoming was held, we introduced ourselves and presented our countries, cities and schools through videos and presentations.

Then, we returned to school making a stop to exchange our money from euros to crowns, something which was very funny and strange for us as it was the very first time to use another coin than ours.



After lunch at school, we participated in a series of workshops concerning the role of Water in Art, Chemistry and Tongue-twisters. It was very interesting that we were divided in groups of all the countries, so we had to cooperate with foreign guys and learn to work with them.

Our evening was free and we spent it with our host families.

Wednesday 30 September

At 8:00 we went to school and half an hour later we started our way to our destination, the famous Moravian Carst. We had to hike on the hills for one hour until we reached the caves. We found them fascinating, especially some formations of stalactites and stalagmites which had strange and funny shapes. Very pleasant, too, was the part of the caves which we visited using boats.



After the caves we went for lunch in a restaurant near the Moravian Carst, where we tasted traditional food. As we sit altogether, we had the chance to exchange our impressions and our photos from the caves and the wonderful countryside.

After lunch we returned home by tram, as we were doing every day, and in this way the 2nd day passed away.

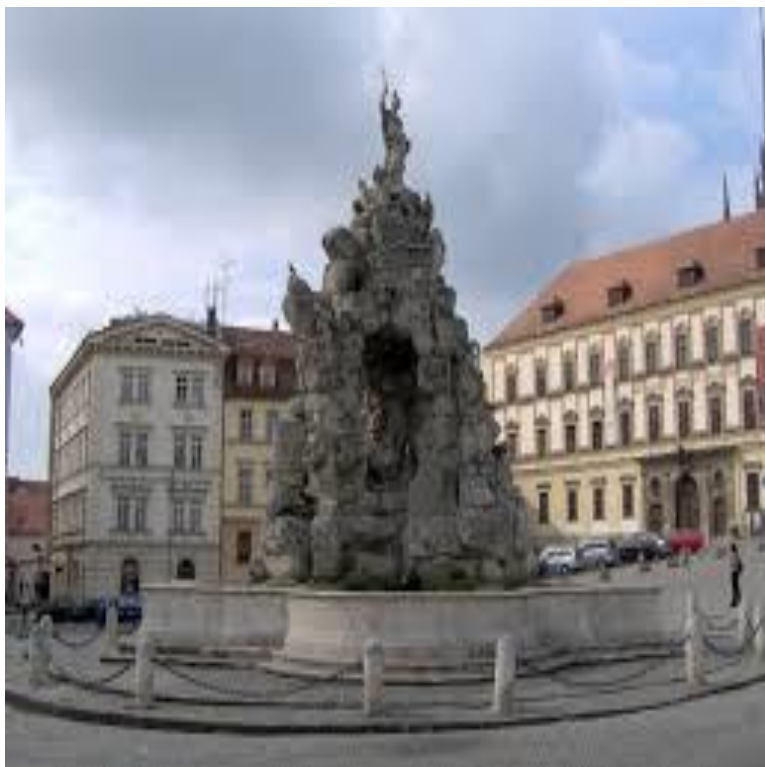
Thursday 1 October

Our day started by visiting the city centre of Brno, where we saw both the tourist attractions of this wonderful city and fountains, springs and places where Water plays a very important role. We took a lot of photos as a photo-workshop.

PETROVA (Saint Peter and Paul's church)



The square of freedom



The National Theatre of Brno



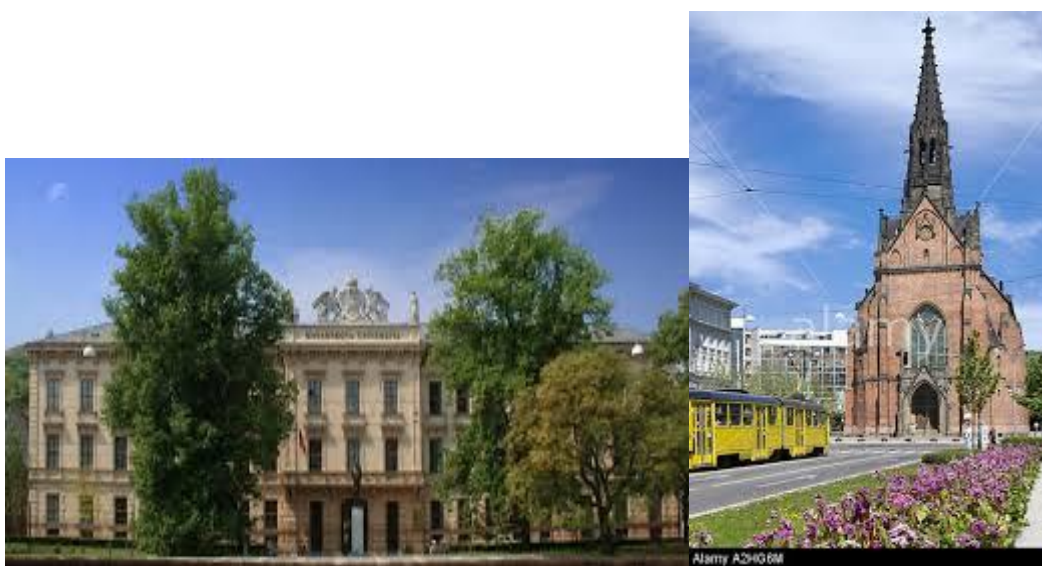
The Moravian Square



The Old Town Hall

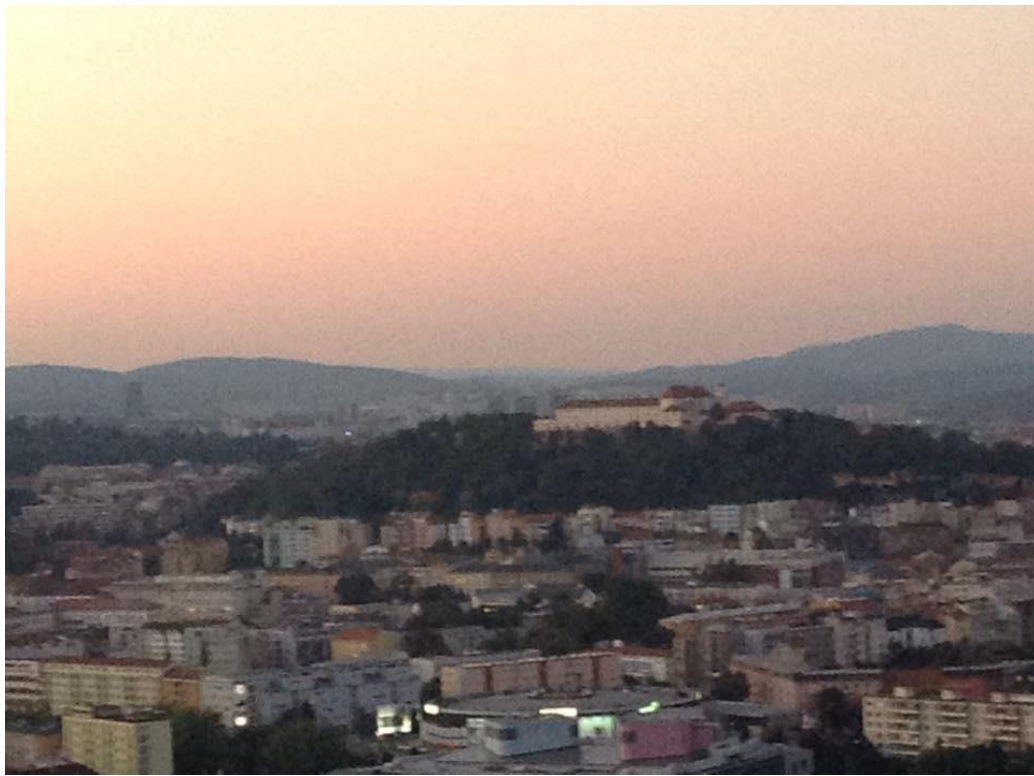


Comenius Square





Spilberk Castle



Representation of old Brno

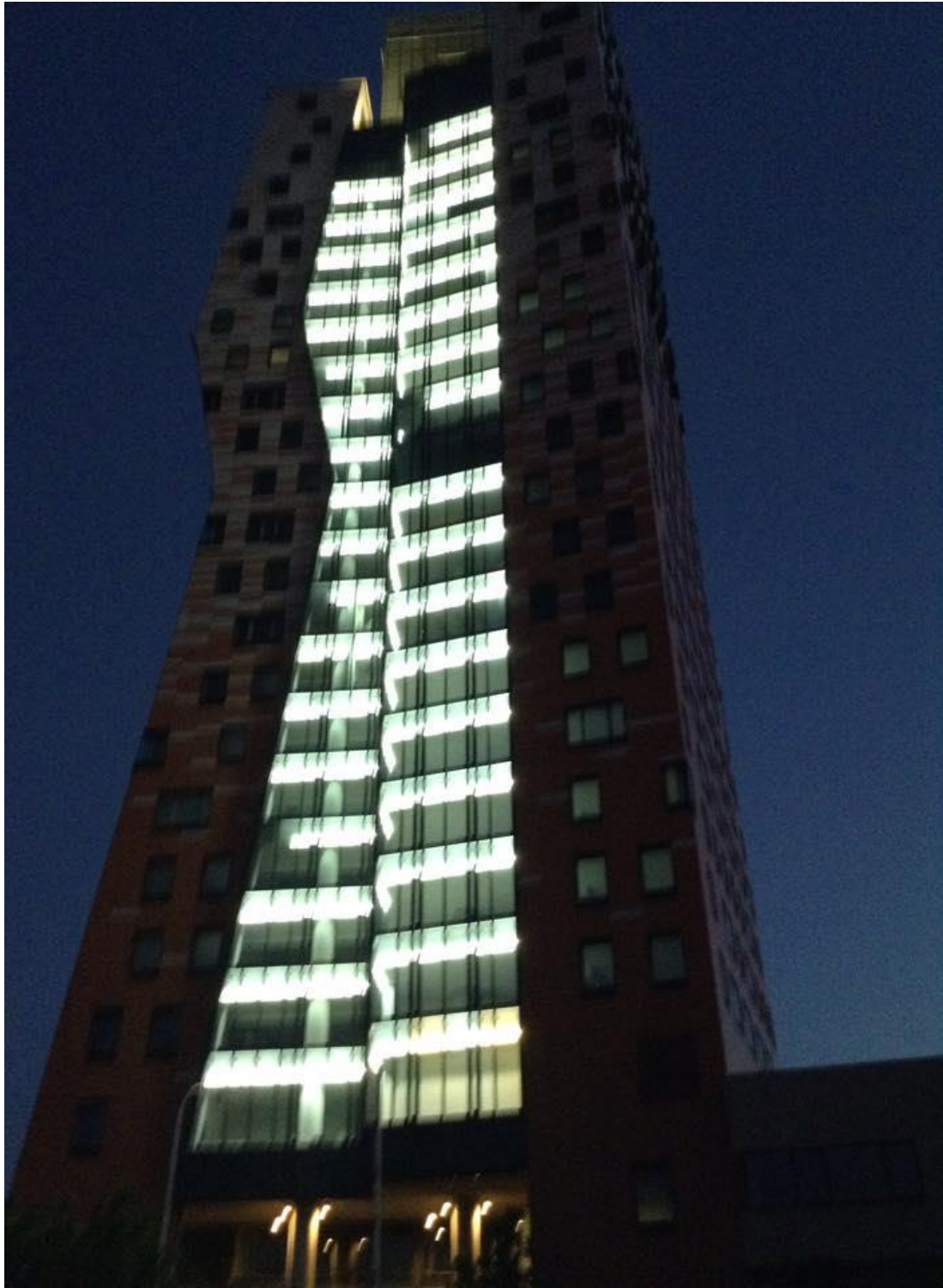


Other important and interesting statues

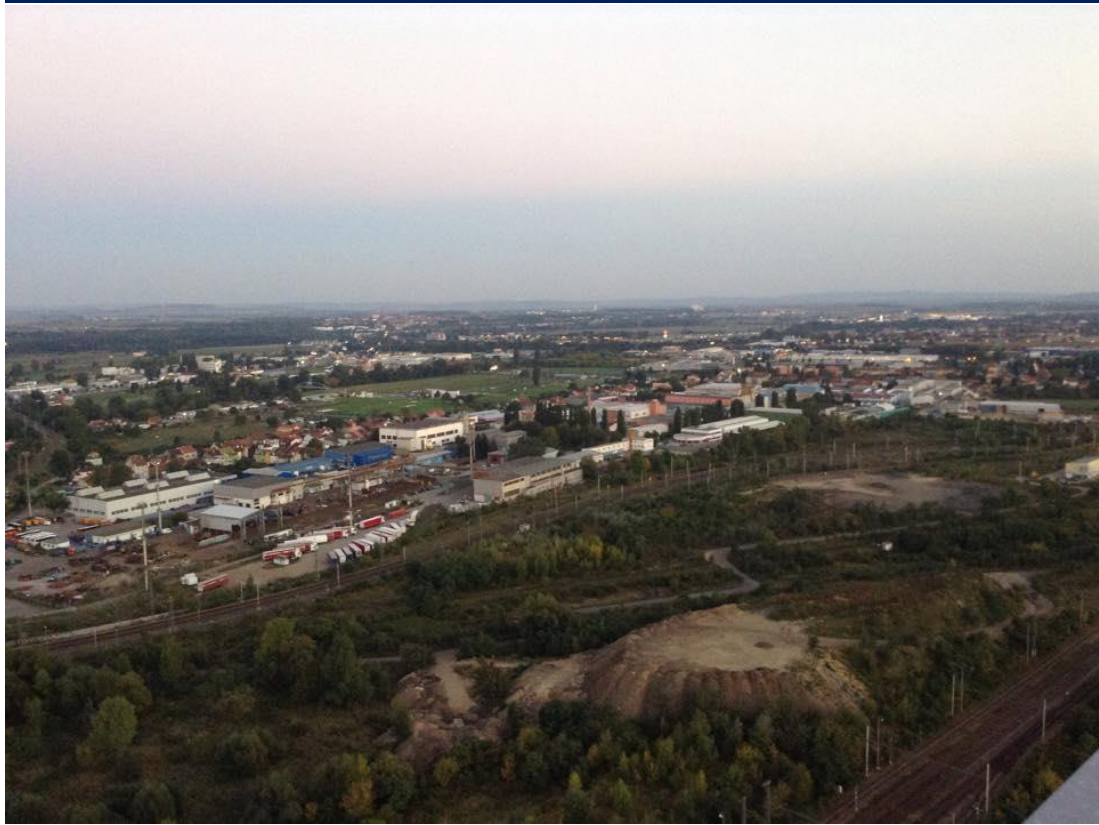




The AZ tower (the highest building in Czech Republic)



Photos of Brno taken from the AZ tower

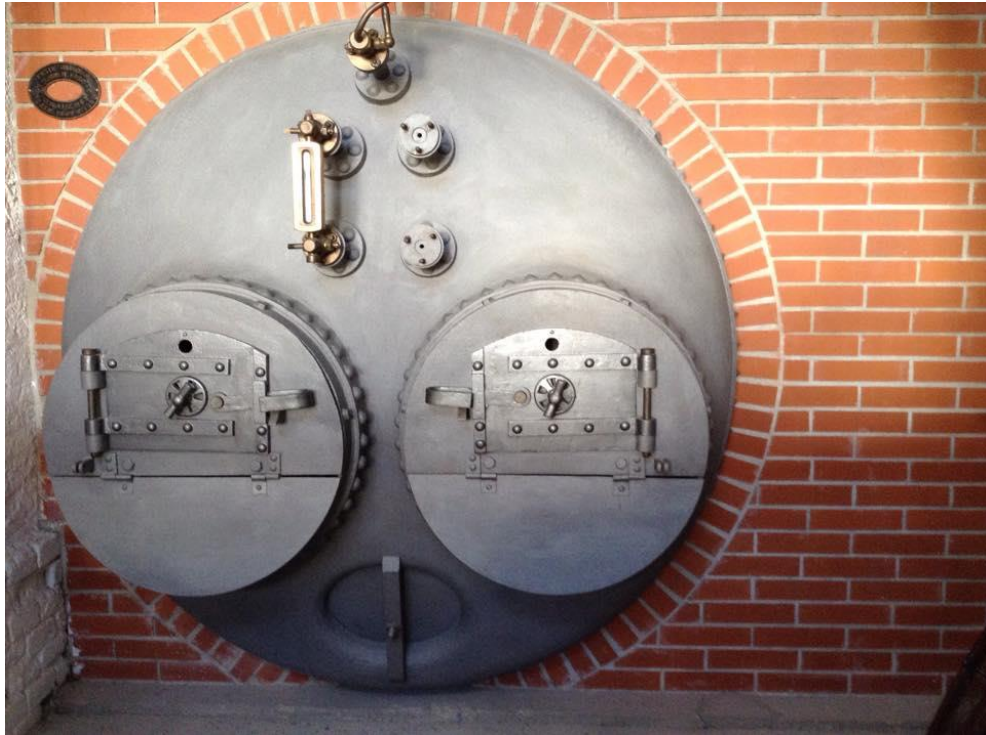


Friday 2 October

At 8:00 in the morning we left the school and after an hour-trip we reached the power-station Dalesice. This power-unit uses water which is gathered at a higher level at an artificial lake. To be honest, there we had a lot of fun as our guide didn't speak English well, so the English teacher Jacob helped her all the time. We watched a short video about the facility and then we visited the inner sector of the factory where our guide explained us how its machines work. There, we had the opportunity to discuss about the ecological problems of the area and how this 'clean' power station managed to handle and solve.



Afterwards we visited a beer factory and had lunch at a restaurant next to the factory. Then, we were divided in two groups: the 1st group consisted of teachers and the 2nd of students. As the 1st group visited the beer-museum, all the members of the 2nd group played football so he had a lot of fun. After half an hour it was our turn to get inside the beer factory which we found very interesting as all the guys wanted to learn how the famous, very tasty Czech beer is produced. So we learned a lot of things right there, but we remained a little bit disappointed as we wanted to taste a glass of beer.



At 16:00 we returned to our Czech families, but 3 hours later our hosts decided to take us to a bar. All of us agreed with this idea as we wanted to experience the Czech night life and taste its notable beer. At 21:00 we went to the club and we had a lot of fun there



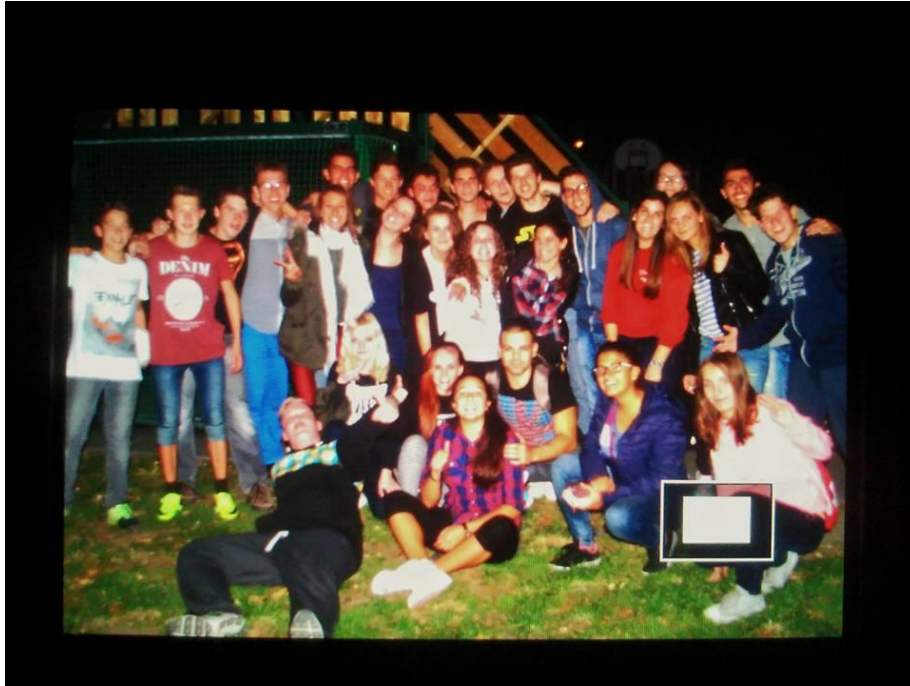
In this way that day passed away, too.

Saturday 3 October

At 10:00 we went for a boat trip to the famous castle Veveri. We stayed at the castle for some hours, so we had the time to visit all its parts and its surroundings. The view of the lake and the forest, seen from the deck of the boat, made us feel sad as we were obliged to leave this wonderful place after some hours.



Then at 13:30 we had lunch at a restaurant near the school. Except for the delay of bringing us the plates, the food was very tasty. After that, we went to school and after the presentation of our photos of the Thursday's workshop, the Czech teachers, students and parents organized a party. We ate some snacks, played basketball, danced and generally we had a lot of fun. After the party we went to a park near the school and we played football altogether, for the last time.



Sunday 4 October (farewell day)

We had to wake up early because our bus was leaving at 6:30 in the morning. At the bus-station we met the Czech teachers and our teachers, too. This day was very difficult because although we made friendships for ever, we had to say goodbye to these amazing guys.



Czech friends, thank you for these wonderful, unforgettable days we spent together!!!