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On February 2019 I had an opportunity to host an Estonian girl Lisete for a week. During the whole week we both learned a lot about brownfields and each other.

The day Lisete came we both were really tired of waiting at the airport so we weren't very talkative, even though we chatted a lot on social media. When we got home we had a small meal and then we talked till midnight. That was only the beginning of a great friendship. Every day it was better, when we went for a walk to the Prague we started to get to know each other more. That evening when everybody went home, we went to see the real beauty of the night Prague.

On Tuesday we went to a very cold adventure – we went to see some brownfields near school. I think that both of us learned that Prague is beautiful but at some parts it's a disaster and that everything that have happened to all the areas will be on our generation to repair. That evening we went to Chodov. Lisete was surprised that it is the biggest shopping center in Europe. We went to some shops that they don't have in Estonia and then we went to KFC which she wished to visit. When we got home we watched films and chatted.

The next day when we went to Malá Hraštice where I found out that in Estonia students have holidays after every sixth or seventh week that lasts for a week, or on Christmas they have a break that lasts for two weeks which made me jealous. That day we also found out that in Czech and in Estonian we have the similar word for car and underground. Maybe there are more but we only found out these. Then when we went to Mníšek pod Brdy more students from my class started to talk with us. Even one guy that normally doesn't like to speak English tried to speak and communicate with Lisete, which was really nice.

On Thursday Lisete wore a pair of warm socks as well as other students because they finally realized that Czech Republic is also cold country. During the day in Prague Zoo they fed giraffes and hippos which must have been an amazing experience. In the afternoon we went to the Prague castle. A funny part of the tour was when a pair of tourist came up and listened to our teacher talking and then followed us.

Friday was interesting for both of us, we went to our school bakery and made some pies. Then we had biological laboratories and we worked with microscopes – we examined algae's. I translated the teacher's interpretation and I tried to describe all the things that the students saw under the microscope. After that, we all sat down in a classroom and we watched a photo presentation while eating a cake and the pies we baked. It was very nice to see how many students made friends especially in the last days of this program. Then we where taking group pictures so we had more memories of this project. After we took a lot of photos me and Lisete went to Vyšehrad to look at Prague from another point of view. We were talking about this whole project, about how thankful we are that we met and that it gave us a lot of good experience. I was also a little bit sad that she couldn't stay longer because we had a really good time.

In general the whole week brought us a lot of interesting knowledge about the environmental problems around us but also about meeting new people from foreign countries and getting to know their culture. I made some really good friends and I hope it will last as long as possible.

