

Dear all,

Can I just once again thank Ivona & Dana for a very well organised opening conference? Thank you ladies, as per usual everything ran smoothly, all refreshments, snacks & meals were impeccable, the workshops were great, in short: our students enjoyed every minute of it - as did we!  
A terrific meeting it was, it will be remembered and talked about for years to come.  
Daisy and Tom (Belgium)

Thank you very much for the truly fabulous conference in Dobris last week. The students had a marvellous time and are still on a high this week. They are talking about going back in the summer. We, the teachers, had a great time too. Great company, great atmosphere.  
Yesterday we made some Vizovice Christmas decorations at school - not bad for a first attempt !  
We are going to make some to sell at a Christmas market at our school.  
All the best to you all  
Katharine and Áine (Ramsgrange Community School, Ireland)

Thanx a lot for the very well organized conference. We - that is the teachers and the students - really liked our time in Dobris a lot and all the pupils are very satisfied with the activities as well as with the families of their new friends!  
Michael and Wiebke (Germany)

THANK YOU!!! Once again the meeting in Dobris was pleasant and successful, not only for teachers, but also for students. For them it was a very wonderful experience and, I think, unforgettable.  
We would like to thank you, all teachers, students and families involved in this meeting.  
Yours sincerely  
Isabella and Anna (Italy)s

I will thank you and Dana for a very pleasant stay in Dobris. Everything was well planned both activities and evening pleasures. I was glad for being asked to give dancing lessons. I think the two groups were very eager at learning. Still I think the evening in the National Thatre was the most electric. The building itself, the atmosphere, the music and the dancing hit my heart. Fantastic stay!  
Greetings from  
Tore

It was a lot of fun. If they ask me to do it again, I will !  
Lotte Swinnen

I'm really excited about the EU-Roots project. It was a good experience. I mend kind people and I had to speak English. We had a lot of fun at home in the evenings!

Thanks for amazing 5 days! Not only my (our) English has significantly improved, I've (more importantly) found many great friends ... and miss them so much.  
*PS: Congratulations on teaching and learning "Ř", some of the foreigners (for example Belgian girls) were great at learning!*

It was quite tiring. Next time I would like to be part again, but without having students at home – it is too difficult to look after them.

This meeting was amazing. I think the best thing is the chance to meet new people from different countries and talk to them in English for several days. We could learn about their culture and traditions.

I'm glad I was part of that. I met many new people and most of them were great. It should be a little bit longer. It was a great experience for me.

One of the best things in my life. Great people, great experience. Totally going to see my new friends again!

One of my mum's words: *"All the children are, apparently, the same, no matter where they come from. They just come home and take out their mobile phones"*.

I would love to have this kind of opportunity again. I am going to miss every single one.

It was very interesting and educative. The activities were amusing. It was great to use English in many different situations – dances, games, poems ... I could be longer.

All conference was amazing! Great people, excellent activities. I loved activities in mixed international groups. I would like more of them. I didn't like when students stayed only in their own national groups. But I totally loved the trip to Prague!

Btw, excellent choice – host and guest!

EU-Roots conference was a brilliant chance to find out how important English is! We enjoyed days full of cheerful and friendly atmosphere. I wish all students had a chance to communicate in English and be part of such an event.

We loved the activities our teachers prepared for us. I liked it very much. IT WAS AMAZING!

It was really exciting for me. I hope that I will spend more time with foreign students in the future. The EU-Roots is a brilliant idea. If only there were more countries and longer stay!

It was really very good. I don't speak English well but I spoke and we understood each other. The programme was very good too. What was the best? The dance workshop with Tore (Norwegian teacher)!

IT WAS REALLY AWESOME. I met many new people and one of my new friends invited me to visit him in Germany. I hope that I will go to the conference in the Netherlands. The first day was pretty hard for me, because using other language was harder than I expected. The second day was easier but still hard. And the other days were so amazing! I think our foreign guests really liked the trip to Prague ... and me too. Thank you very much! :D

It was really great! My problem is that I don't speak English well. But I made it! All foreign students were very friendly. Every day I got to know somebody new.

One of the best experiences in my life. Better than every English course I've been to. I met great people thanks to this project. Every night we were in groups of really great people. I really miss them and want to see all of them soon.

This meeting was very interesting. It could be longer. It was very good practice for English. I met a

lot of perfect people.

It was very amazing. I think it was interesting and educative for everybody. We learned English with each other. And we got to know about other cultures. I like it.

It was great. ONE LONG LESSON OF ENGLISH!

Runde rare ruterusk,  
raspet rips pa ipsen pusk,  
ipsen kon ok skule pluke,  
rips till rorte rips pa kruke.

It was very fine:) I met new people but the best experience was Friday :)

It was an extraordinary experience. I met so many people. I won't forget and I'm missing them already. My English has improved a lot. Every night we were in international groups fo 20 people and we were talking English all the time which was cool. I hope we will stay in touch with them for future days. I'm really glad I'm part of this project.

THANK YOU EU-ROOTS!

I found the project and the conference very useful – my English improved. The programme was perfect, there very no problems. I wish all students to have such chance.

Last week was really fantastic for me. I enjoyed every minute of it. I met new friends from other countries and I would like to meet them again. Now, I and my griends can't stop chatting on facebook and we phone each other via Skype. They told me they loved my family, Czech Republic, Dobříš and Prague. In Prague they really loved shopping in Paladium. We spent 3 hours there. They were fantastic and friendly girls. I never forget them and other friends. When they left on Sunday we all were crying. I will miss them. For me it's a new experience and it was really unforgettable. Thank you!

It was really amazing. I am glad that we had this opportunity. The programme was good but the most important were the people. We became acquainted with so many people, got to know other countries, cultures and made new friends with whom we are still in touch and hopefully will be. I wish I could go to the conference in the Netherlands or just visit our new friends. It was funny watching for example my dad (who is really communicative) trying to speak to our guests despite the fact he can say just *hello* and *how are you*. From now he can say also other words and our guests also learned new words. The last day was so sad.

I really enjoyed this opportunity to talk English so much. My Irish guy was really fine and also other people were nice. After they left, my Irish guy texted me when he arrived to Ireland – he wants to come back to Dobříš, so I guess that they enjoyed the stay here too. We had a great time together and I was also interested in meeting other people and talking to them about their countries. I think that the conference and the project was/is great.

All students were really friendly, kind and most of them talkative (some of them too much :D). I expected „introducing games“ to be awkward but they weren't at all! They were funny, good and absolutely not awkward. Unfortunately, I've missed some parts of the programme. The days were tiring but still really good.

It was a really great experience. For me those are unforgettable four days of my life. I'm relly glad

that I take part in the project. I think we really enjoyed it. It was awesome! The best thing was dancing with Tore and decorating Easter eggs and baking Vizovice pastry in Čechova stodola in Buková.

It was awesome. Dancing with Tore and handcrafts in Čechova stodola were best. I think they could have stayed longer. I would like to have more introducing games to know each other even better. I 'm really glad to be part of the project. Next time, they should bring more Belgian chocolate. :)

The most interesting thing about EU-Roots conference was that we got to meet people of our age than come from different cultures and learn their ways of dealing with everyday things and problems. I really enjoyed the crafts and dances. I like the friendly and infromal atmosphere of the project. I was definitely an experience that I 'll never forget.

It was unforgettable experience - for me and for my family. Every evening we had a lot of fun. All students were amazing, kind and friendly. My guest was open and we could talk about everything. And she even cooked a dinner for us! I really liked when we learned dances. The programme was really good, for example when we learned poems, played games and painted eggs.

## Czech out our reactions!

### Isabelle:

*Dobříš was really fun. I really enjoyed everything we did! And the other people who were with us, were very sweet and kind. And so was the family I lived with. The activities we did were fun and I really like the culture and the history. If I had chance to do it again, I would do it for sure.*



### Jitse:

*Dobříš*

*was amazing. I had a really fun week. Dobříš is a beautiful city. I liked the visit to the castle and all the other activities like the egg painting and the dancing. It was fun to discover Dobříš. Everyone was really kind. The atmosphere was really good. I became good friends with the girl from the host family and we had a lot of fun. The host family was really sweet and they made it feel like home. This was an*

*amazing experience. I'm going to remember it forever!*

### Lotte:

*This project was so much fun. I woke up early and went to the station. There was a taxi to bring us to the airport. In the airport from the Czech Republic we waited for the Norwegians. We went to the school and met our host people. We went to Prague, and went on a hill. It was a lot of fun. If they ask me to do it again, I will !*



### Daisy:

*Dobris was really nice. Betka was a really really sweet girl. The mother*

*was also very nice , she can't speak English but Betka translated it. Everyday, the mother baked cake and her apfelstrudel was very delicious. There were also little cute kittens. We did a lot, we learned a song and a dance, the song was really difficult but the dance wasn't. We have also visited a castle which was very beautiful and big. We also went to the bowling which was very fun. I had a really good time there, I'm gonna miss it a lot and for sure Betka.*



Hello there,

after the meeting in Dobris we must confirm how happy we are about the [conference](#).

As for the activities, we really appreciated the 'Language Roots' because we learnt words to be used in our [everyday life](#).

We also appreciated the traditional dances we learnt because they were [great fun](#) and not too difficult to perform.

The [handcrafts workshop](#) was very interesting too because we created some [Christmas decorations](#) and decorated some eggs, we did typical things of [Czech Republic](#).

Living with a Czech family we got to know some Czech habits, we could experience the differences and we felt lucky to see what everyday life is like in another country, which is impossible to learn if you visit the place as a tourist.

We also visited Prague. It's a wonderful city, rich in monuments and culture. We enjoyed some of its most amazing sights with our Czech friends who were also our guides. We also managed to go shopping with them.

**THANKS TO ALL THE [ORGANISERS](#), the [STUDENTS](#) and their [FAMILIES](#) who did so much to welcome us.** Silvia, Greta, Olivia and Veronica

**We are the four Italian girls who went to Dobris, and we would like to tell you something about our enthusiastic experience. In fact, we had a great time in the Czech Republic and we liked the activities we did there.**

**Our journey wasn't so good at the beginning because our luggage got lost, we received it back one day later.**

**Dobris was a great experience but unfortunately the meeting was very short. We met new people and did some interesting activities: typical handcrafts and dances. It was amazing to learn some Czech words and a song called 'Mazurka'. All the people, our hosts, the students from the other countries and the teachers, were very friendly and kind. They all gave us a warm welcome and did everything they could to make us feel part of their families. We wanted to say**

**a massive thank you**

**to all of you and we hope to keep in touch with you!**



## Greta, Silvia, Olivia and Veronica

On Wednesday 9th of October We met up at 6:30am to Tesco, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Ireland. We drove to the airport and went on the plane to Prague, [Czech Republic](#), It was a two and a half our drive. Then we got to the airport and we couldn't get any food because we didn't have time so everyone was really hungry when we got on the plane. We took off on the airplane at 10:50 and I got fruit salad about an hour after take off.

We landed in Prague at 2:30 Prague time . When we got to [Prague Airport](#) we had to wait for 3 hours for the [German School](#) to get to the airport because their flight was delayed. When the Germans got to the airport we were so excited because we had been so bored. We said hello to everyone but I didn't really notice them because I was so excited to go and see my host.

We drove to Dobříš from the airport it took 45 minutes on the bus and I was so bored I didn't think we would ever get there. When we got there I met Kristyna my host. She was really friendly and I went to her house then I got food called a Schnitzel. It is breaded chicken and is really tasty. We then went to the café and I got [hot chocolate](#) that was like chocolate yogurt. I asked for milk so they gave me it and when I poured it into my hot chocolate it spilled everywhere so everyone that was there laughed at me.

On Thursday we went to the school and did a dictionary. I was in the group that did the [word family](#) but I didn't do very much. We had to do a German chant about a duck swimming. We went bowling in the evening I was very bad at it but it was really funny.

On Friday we went to the school and did a [dancing class](#). It was really funny because I am not able to dance. In the afternoon we made [Christmas decorations](#) out of dough and painted eggs I was very bad at this is well. In the evening we went to a conference and we all had to say our chants and show our presentation to all of the people that were there. I was so scared because there was so many people there. I made a couple of mistakes in my presentation but it gave me more confidence to talk in front of a big [group of people](#).

On Saturday everyone went to Prague. I didnt go because I was unwell but everyone said it was really good but they had to wander around the town for too long. Saturday night I went to say goodbye to everyone.

On Sunday I had to go home. I was really upset and I even cried but I really enjoyed the trip. It was the best holiday I was ever on. I then went to the airport and had to go on a 2 and a half our flight back to Ireland and I had to also be in a car for 2 and a half hours back to my house. TARA, IRELAND

*Dobříš - Prague 9th – 13th October*

*On the 9th of October we made the trip from [Dublin airport](#) to Prague airport. Our flight was at 10:50 and we arrived in Prague at 2:30 Prague time.*

*We then had to wait on the teachers and the students from Germany. We were in the airport till*

5:30.

*When the German students and teachers arrived we all made the trip to Modra Kopla which is the library where we met our hosts.*

*Haley and I had the same host and his name was Jindrich Vrba. Jindrich's mother then arrived to collect us. We then went back to his home where we found out we would have a house to ourselves and he and his family would be in the [house next door](#). Jindrich and his mother then gave us a tour of the house. She and Jindrich then left and offered us dinner in their house for 7:30 so we then unpacked and went over. We had schnitzels and potatoes with coke.*

*On Thursday we got up at 7:00 got ready and went to Jindrichs for breakfast. Then we left for the castle where we got a tour of it. In some of the rooms Czech students had organised different things. 2 students were singing with someone [playing the guitar](#), in another room a teacher was singing a Czech song, and we watched a daughter of one of the teachers play the flute for us.*

*After the castle we had 2 and a half hours of free time where Jindrich gave us a tour of what's in his [home town](#). After the 2 hours and 30 minutes we went to the school where we were put into groups and given a topic and wrote out a dictionary on it with words from different countries on it. When we finished that we went outside to do a picture where we stood up and make the word EU ROOTS and a student took the photo from the top floor of the school.*

*After the photo we went [back home](#) to Jindrich's and got dinner at 7:00.*

*Then we went back to our house for the few days and watched a DVD on the laptop that Jindrich brought over to us. The DVD was 2 hours long and was called "The pregnancy pack" it was about a group of students making a pack at 16 to get pregnant.*

*On Friday we did [craft and arts](#) in the morning. We decorated eggs in our own way, when that was done we made [Christmas decorations](#) out of dough. This was made from flour and water. In the afternoon we went back to the school where we learned different dances from different countries. Then at 4:30 we made the journey to Novy Rybnik where all the students from the different countries presented the presentations to all the other students and teachers.*

*On Saturday morning we went and waited outside the library for the buses to take us to Prague. We looked around and saw all the different buildings. Then we had free time to go shopping and get some lunch to eat.*

*On [Sunday morning](#), Haley and I packed our bags for the airport. Then we went outside and put our bags into the boot of the car and said 'Goodbye' to Jindrich's father and headed to the library where we got the bus to the airport after saying bye to Jindrich, his mother and the rest of the students on the trip from other countries and the students from Czech. Then we got on the bus and headed to the airport where we got our flight at 2:55pm Czech time and went home.*

FIONA, IRELAND

Prague 9th Oct – 13th Oct 2013

On Wednesday the 9th of October we met at Tesco [car park](#) in New Ross and divided ourselves up into Ms Curtis Jones car and Ms Coughlans car. We then drove to [Dublin Airport](#) and went through the normal airport procedure.

We took off at 10:50am and arrived in Prague at 14:30 Prague time, where we had to wait for the German students but their flight was delayed so we had to hang around the airport for a while. When the German students did arrive we then caught a bus to the Modrá Kočka (Library) where we met our hosts. Fiona and I both had the same host and [his](#) name was Jindřich. We really liked him and thought he was very friendly and welcoming. At the Modrá Kočka we got collected by his Mam and we went back to his house, it was about five minutes away in the forest. When we arrived we were very surprised to find out we had our own cottage to stay in and they had their house next to us. They told us to settle in and then come over when we were ready to have dinner.

The next day we went to the Castle for a tour and walked around the French garden. I enjoyed looking around the castle and in every room there were different students singing and playing instruments. We then had free time and Jindřich and his friend Peppa showed us around their town called Dobříš and met up with a few of his friends in a cafe. A few hours later we had to go [back to school](#) and we had to make the word "EU ROOTS" using all the students and got pictures taken. After that we learnt a traditional Czech song. We then got split into groups and each had to learn a chant from a different country which we had to demonstrate with our Ireland



presentation at our presentation night and make a poster with all different words from all the different languages. I had to learn a Dutch chant .

We were then free to do what we wanted for the rest of the day, so we met up with some more of Jindřich friends at the Chinese before going back to his house.

On Friday we met at the Modrá Kočka before catching a bus to a place where we did [Arts and Crafts](#) Cechova stodola Bukova and we decorated eggs using the back of a pencil which had a little nail in the back of it and we used coloured wax which they had melted in tea candle holders with tea candles. We also made decorations from a special dough that they made and we used stencils, peppercorns, scissors and a rolling pin, and they then cook the decorations in the oven.

We then caught the bus back to the school where we had a [dancing workshop](#) and learnt all different dances from different countries. This was my favourite. This finished at half past 4 and then we had to catch the bus to the hotel where the teachers were staying for our presentation. There we presented ours about Ireland and saw the other students presentations and said our Chants that we had learnt.

Later on we went back to Jindřich house and he invited over a few of his friends so we could socialize with other Czech students and got to learn a bit about the differences between our two countries.

On Saturday we got a bus into Prague, where we walked around and got to see all the historical buildings. Afterwards we got free time and our host and his friends took us to a big shopping centre with over 200 shops and we got to buy souvenirs for our friends and family, they also took us to McDonalds :D

On Sunday our last day we were all very sad but very thankful to our hosts and their family and friends, we had such a good time. We finally packed our bags and said our thank you and good – byes before catching our flight back home.

Ahoj, Děkuji! HALEY, IRELAND

On Wednesday 9th of October we went to Tesco at 6:30am we met up with the teachers and went to [Dublin airport](#) and made our way to the plane which led us to the Czech Republic. The journey there was good because I was basically enjoying the trip because I got along with the people in the car. The airport was as normal full of lots of people and very loud but I was too excited to even notice.

The [plane ride](#) began at 10:30 and ended at 2:30 we were a bit tired from the flight but still really excited to care but I was somewhat nervous to meet Jaroslav because I never had a chance to talk to him beforehand but when we arrived at Dobříš but we became fast friends. The first day myself and Jaroslav went outside and we were hanging around for the evening then we went home and watched movies until we went to bed.

The next day we went to the castle and we had a tour of the castle it was very interesting and the students came and gave us shows and we had a lot fun with that. We then had some free time so Jaroslav brought me for lunch [his](#) parents made us lunch like a sort of platter of different foods which was very tasty. We then went and met up with Jaroslav's friend Alan and we went to a café and we had hot choclet and coffee which both were very delicious! Then we went to the [bowling alley](#) outside of Dobříš it was small but nice.

Friday we went into the school and I learnt a traditional Czech Dance. Then we learnt words in different languages. That was really fun and then we went to learn how to make traditional chezc[Christmas decorations](#) and we painted eggs that was really fun too. We then did the first euro projects conference and we showed are presentation on Ireland which I think went well.

Saturday was the day we all went to Prague and our last day here I may have gotten a little lost at one point but I still had a lot of fun. Sunday was time to leave after some long goodbyes we left for the [airport](#) and returned to Ireland. I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful time I had and a special thanks to my host jaroslav.

CIARAN, IRELAND