

Report about the trip of students of the University Velikij Nowgorod to Hamburg (24.-30.11.2019)

From 24 to 30 November, aubiko organized a study trip to Hamburg for 13 students and 3 lecturers from the University of Novgorod. They experienced a colourful programme on the topics of education, environment and economy and of course a lot of sightseeing.

Monday, 25. November:

After the group had arrived on Sunday, it started right away on Monday. At the beginning there was a walk towards the city hall with a short detour via the Schauspielhaus Hamburg, the Hotel Atlantic, Binnenalster and Jungfernstieg to get a first impression of the city.

In an event hall of the senate Mrs. Frick, who is responsible for international relations in the Baltic Sea region, presented Hamburg's economy and politics in a very nice overview presentation. Afterwards there was a guided tour through the city hall, in which the group learned a lot about



Hamburg's pride and history, but above all, we could hardly get enough of the magnificent rooms. An impressive start. In the afternoon, the students then dealt with Hamburg's economy a little more intensively in a workshop and got to know Hamburg's peculiarities, but above all many new words.

Tuesday, 26. November

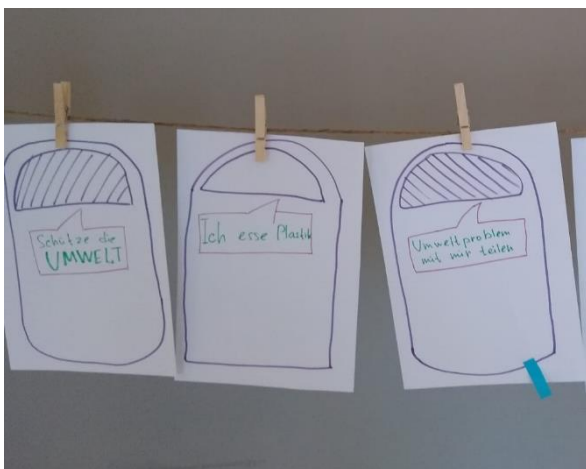
The day started on Tuesday with a workshop on the environment. Participants learned that Hamburg places great value on sustainability. Using the energy mountain Georgswerder as an example, they learned how to turn a landfill into a model project for sustainable energy supply. Sayings on waste bins are also typical of Hamburg.



The students learned that waste can be avoided significantly and became creative themselves and designed their own garbage can slogans. Many great ideas came together.

In the afternoon we went to the Hafencity with a short detour to the Elbtunnel and a boat trip from the Landungsbrücken to the Elbphilharmonie.

During the guided tour they got to know how sustainable the new district is planned and that the apartments there are by no means just about profit, but also a good social mix is striven for. The students were also visibly impressed by the architecture. At the end of the day, many of the students went to the platform of the Elbphilharmonie to enjoy the great view of the harbour, Hafencity and Speicherstadt.



Wednesday, 27. November

Wednesday was dedicated to "Education in Germany". In the morning workshop, the students got to know the German education system better and also got an impression of what it is like to live in Germany as a student: how to live, how to finance your studies and how a course of studies is structured. In the afternoon, they had the opportunity to visit a university.



Fresenius University invited them to a taster day. The university was presented to the students in a short presentation.

The absolute highlight, however, was that they could also get to know the studies live, because on this day they were allowed to watch all the seminars. A great day, which was perhaps also really preparatory for some of the students for a later study stay in Germany.



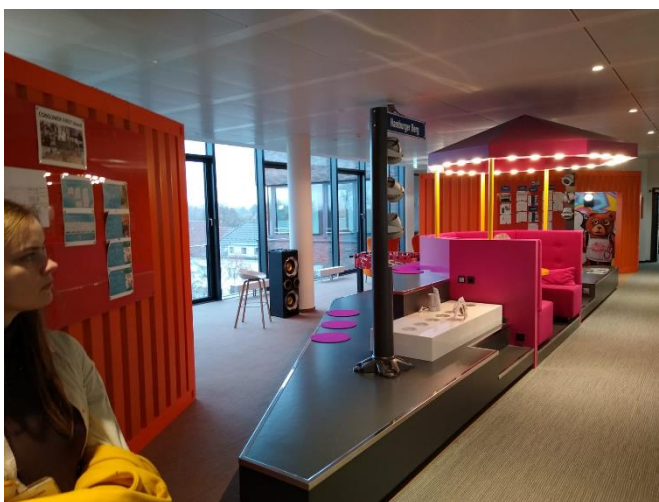
Thursday, 28. November

On Thursday morning an excursion to Philips Medical Systems took place. The students learned that Philips now only specializes in medical technology and so-called Well-Being products (coffee machines, shavers) but all entertainment electronics under the name Philips has nothing to do with the company anymore. They visited the production facilities for



X-ray lamps and devices and marvelled at a combination device that can take both static X-rays and X-rays of processes. But the most impressive thing for everyone was the newly designed headquarters. Under the motto "New Work", there are hardly any permanent offices left. There are numerous seating areas, places to relax, inviting you to small talk. Most employees come when they want and work where they want. A building with a very futuristic atmosphere and yet with many references to the city of Hamburg or the sea.

In the afternoon there was only a short workshop. Here the students were introduced to the role of the Hanseatic League in the Baltic Sea region, as well as the role of Novgorod as one of the most important Hanseatic conurbations. But of course it was also about the mother of the Hanse, Lübeck. They got to



know the different architectural characteristics of Lübeck, why the Holstentor is crooked or who is depicted on the Puppenbrücke. Of course Thomas Mann, Willy Brandt and Günther Grass and their work as important citizens of the city were also mentioned. Thus the students were excellently prepared for their excursion to Lübeck on Friday.

Friday, 29. November

The planned excursion to Lübeck started unfortunately a little late. The train could not run for 2 hours due to a damaged track. Fortunately the tour in the town hall could be postponed until later. After a walk over the Puppenbrücke and the landmark of the city, the Holstentor, the students reached the town hall, which impressed them by its style mix (Renaissance elements meet Baroque and Gothic) very much. The city hall tour was also great. The students learned a lot about the history of the city and how the citizens always had the upper hand over the clergy for centuries. Afterwards there was time to go to the beautiful Marienkirche, to eat marzipan in the Niederegger shop or simply to stroll through the Christmas market. Some also visited the Hansemuseum. The group went back to Hamburg with great impressions.

Saturday, 30. November

The morning on Saturday was at free disposal. Some students used the time to shop or buy souvenirs, others went to see places of interest and some just stayed in the hostel. Shortly after lunch it was time to say goodbye. Five wonderful, impressive days lay behind them.

The aubiko team thanks them and hopes to see students from Veliky Novgorod again soon.