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Highlights of the second – Sibenik – meeting of Let There Be LIGHT

Only 4 weeks passed after our very first project meeting in Kőszeg and it was time to start our journey to Croatia. That short time was barely enough to digest all of the experiences, emotions, getting new acquaintances and lots of information that we gained about light. Still, ahead of us lay new friendships, new experiences and new knowledge. Everybody was full of expectations and the thrill of meeting again. The warmth and hospitality of the welcome of the hosting group exceeded all expectations. During the one-week program we visited two national parks – Krka and Kornati – where we learned about nature, the flora and fauna of central Dalmatia. Also, on the Krka River we could see the world's first commercial hydropower station, which generated electricity for Sibenik from the very first day it was opened in 1895. It was designed to power the street lights in Sibenik, making it the first city in the world with street lights powered by alternating current. A couple of days later we had the opportunity to take part in an intriguing lecture at the University of Energetics, by prof. dr.sc. Marco Delimar, who explained the history and importance of Jaruga, the hydropower plant.

During the workshops students were working in mixed groups and constructed a mini dictionary of 6 languages in the topic of light (English, Croatian, German, Italian, Hungarian and Turkish); they also made PPT presentations of a business plan, which aims to install solar panels on our schools. Of course we discussed this issue in theory only, but it was a good chance to raise awareness to the problem of swapping to alternative energy resources and promote their use. Students had the opportunity to do collaborative work, learn from each other and about each other, the different situations in their home countries and the different approaches towards these problems.

In their free time they enjoyed the beach, the sea, the good company and the charming atmosphere of a seaside town, where they definitely developed long-lasting friendships.

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