

**Comenius projet *GOING for GOLD***  
**Mobility 6 : *Børstad ungdomsskole* in Hamar**

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**Tuesday**

We flew from CDG to Oslo Airport and then took a train to Hamar Station.

This is where I met with my host family. We went straight back to their home to leave my luggage. Then, with my correspondent, Sander, and his best friend, Frederic, we went bowling. That was a very enjoyable afternoon.

In the evening, we visited Hamar City.

**Wednesday**

After a 7:30 wake up call, we had a quick breakfast: bread with Norwegian chocolate. We then biked to school. I loved cycling in the wonderful Norwegian landscape.

At school, we saw a PowerPoint presentation about Norway. It was presented by the Norwegian students and I found it very interesting. I was amazed to see how their rules are different to ours. Then, we went to another school to prepare our digital story. It was challenging but with the help of Charlotte and our teachers, I managed to use the Norwegian software.

In the afternoon we played volleyball. My team lost but I still found it very funny. The Norwegians are so tall that I felt like a small French troll ☹

At the end of the afternoon we went back home and I taught Sander and Frederic how to play Rugby. It was a whole new experience for them but I think they enjoyed it.

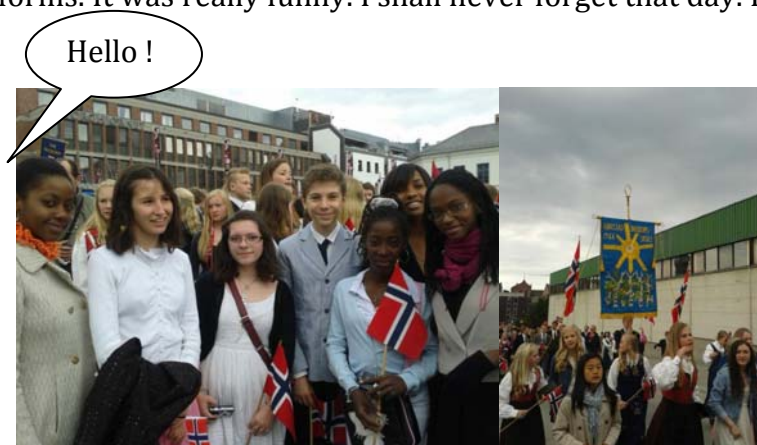
**Thursday**

That day, we returned to the school where we had started our digital story to finish our work. Then we presented our story to everyone on a large screen. Later, Sander and I went to buy an ice cream, because the weather was really hot. Surprisingly, I got sunburnt in Norway while it was raining in France ☺

At the end of the day, the school organized an amazing concert. There was singing, music, and dancing in incredible ruins, where they usually organize weddings.

## Friday

It was a great day because it was the National Day. We were invited to take part in a parade, which went all along the streets of Hamar. We were wearing our best clothes but could not compete with the Norwegians in their traditional costumes. The children were incredibly cute in their outfit. Everybody was feeling happy. In the afternoon, I really enjoyed the Russ parade, with students in their last year of high school wearing strange uniforms. It was really funny. I shall never forget that day. It ended around midnight with a very long party.



Norwegian National Day. I take part at the parade.

## Saturday

We played a lot of Norwegian games all day long. They were new games for me, which I had never played before. They were great but a bit difficult for a beginner. Our Norwegian guests have been incredibly kind with us but they would not let us win. Good for them, I would have done the same!

We were then asked to light some fire to cook our own meal. It was a lot of fun but, as I had never done it before, I burnt my meat. I was so hungry that I asked Charlotte to give me some of her chips.

This trip is one of the best experiences that I have had in my life. I feel privileged to be part of the COMENUS project. I hope my new friend Sander will soon be able to come to France.



**Arrival in Roissy with the delegation**

I'm here !!



**Dissemination of the project in my class**

One of the elements I particularly enjoyed in this trip is that it has been a unique opportunity for me to meet with students from 4 different countries. I realised how much we are at the same time very similar but also very different. We do not see things the same way. It was very enriching for me. It has been very apparent in the presentations which were treating the same subject from totally different angles depending on the country.

Of course, we had to communicate in English as there was no other language everyone could understand and it has not always been easy.

Norwegian was clearly not an option. It is a very beautiful but also extremely difficult!

I will continue to progress in English though if Sanders, my partner, can come to my home soon as I hope.