Hey ho let’s go!

The E-motion, the French team on the road all the day... Starting early in the morning to the Austrian mobility at Percholsdorf!

A long road to the top of rock ‘n’ roll!

After two hours and a half the team had arrived at 08.30am at Zaventten. Here the team followed Mr Delaire. We passed much time to check in the luggage, and a little free time before boarding. Two hours later, we took the train, another train... then a bus... We arrived at 2.45pm... Just on time to install the instruments, plug in the five microphones and the team started to work...

The students with very good temper started to work. In an amazing room, we played «radioactive» on the stage. Two goes and then the ceremony began....

This was awesome!

Starting with thirty Austrian voices... angels knocked at the window to come in! All the team did one short performance.

When you accept a mobility, you accept all the rules... Our students came at 5.30am to the high school, took: bus, plane, bus, train, bus and walk to the cultural center, without complaining, smiling all the time, joking... And having a little thought for Mr Deblock....

Thinking personal time.

After this long day... Arriving there, work started, listening to Miss Massein...

Our singers team gave all the energy they had kept to get ready for the opening ceremony.

This was a nice day for everyone...

Tomorrow morning workshop and flashmob...
Erasmus+ project is the occasion for students to learn finding their place in a group. To aim at this goal, workshops had been organised to help them bieng theirself...

To begin this day our students went to 4 different workshops animated by Austrian teachers. On the schedule: singing, dancing, rhythm and coordination. The four groups were composed with several pupils from the different countries to create a real connexion between them. All along the morning they learnt a traditional Austrian dance, a typical Austrian song, how to keep pace and... have fun!

Let’s dance ! ...For fear your grace should fall

Close your eyes, imagine you’re a teenager, in a new country. This is just your first time in the school... You have to work using a language different from yours... and the only thing you remind is : «in one hour you should have learnt this dance !»... Impossible ?? No, not for our pupils who gave their best this morning, keeping smiling throughout the workshop ! The luckiest of you can probably find a video of this great moment... But at least they all can say : «I was there... we were great !»

Another one bites the dust !

If you want to dance or sing you have to understand what a rhythm is. For one hour students learnt clapping and beating the floor with their feet, how to create a rhythm... easy... But they learnt how to keep it. They discovered how to use their ears, their eyes... and how to count !

Redemption song...

Another workshop focused on vocal techniques such as breathing and body positioning. They practised these techniques on a traditional song, with the Austrian music teacher accompanying them on the piano. A great performance indeed !
Mens sana in copore sano....
After learning typical dances, running and beating rhythm, they won a good lunch!

Run to the hill!
Going to the enemy camp, taking their treasure away and bringing it back like a trophy... They did it!
Running for one hour, all together, organizing their strategy... to have more fun!

Flash dance...
Surfing on the energy brought out from the morning workshops, students rehearsed the steps for the flashmob planned on next Thursday, led by our Austrian maestro, Martin. Students danced for one hour so as to create some kind of homogenous aesthetics. The conductor showed an exceptional patience and managed to get everyone along in the same move. Next try tomorrow in Vienna downtown.

How to make students and teachers agree?
The E-motion work team has found a solution to create peace... Having a nice time together around special Austrian food, German, Estonian, French and Italian people laugh and eat together reinforcing the link between the European teams.

Can get no Satisfaction...
To get ready for the final concert on Thursday evening, each country started the afternoon working their songs in their room. As the saying goes, the French team prepared a song from the Beatles, hoping to have the whole audience singing along with them...

Then, Reet, the Estonian music teacher, met the incredible challenge to have all the students singing together a traditional Estonian song. Adding to the difficulty of the task, she had them accompanied by a quintet. They also worked on the Italian song they had learnt on a previous mobility. Music sounds the best way to multilanguage!

Imagine
While students were singing, teachers worked as well! A meeting had been decided to report on previous mobilities in Italy and Estonia and organise the coming ones in France and Germany. They settled the different worries such as the hosting capacities and arrival / departure times. One French member, Mr MDB, was missing and everyone now wonders whether he will recover soon enough...
This day was a travel day. Bus, train, subway... To see a little part of Vienne.
Training time singing in team and all together singing and dancing...

Arriving in a tornado early in the morning, students directly gave their best and that was thanks to their involvement, their work and their ability to take the remarks into account. But above all, one person made it all possible: their favourite and talented teacher, Mrs Massein!
Driven by this creative energy, the students carried on with the rehearsal of the Estonian, Austrian and Italian songs. From that moment on, they all kept on singing all day long in Vienna.

Everybody needs somebody to... dance!
The students improved their dancing of the flash mob, first in the rehearsal room in the morning and then outside in a meadow of Prater park! On the area, the Austrian team had prepared the spot as it should be in the shopping centre so that the students could figure out the space.

The passenger
The students transformed into backpackers and got on a bus, then on a train, then on a subway to reach Vienna Centre. They went for a walk into the streets of the Capital City in search for food as energy was running out! And they needed some more for the afternoon hop-on-hop-off tour around Vienna and the roller-coaster rides in Prater park.
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE!

Here we are... Time to give all you can...

Dance on fire!

After a hard-working week, D-Day has come. Each country team started with a rehearsal. The French team was at their best from the start, as if the audience were already listening to them, without forgetting the most importance: good mood, smiling and happiness!

Then came the rehearsal for the flashmob - fast and furious - as time was getting closer... They were all driven to the Mall where they would perform, and actually did perform, an awesome show, on the Blues Brothers’ song «Everybody needs somebody».

Whiplash!

At 7.00pm sharp, lights went off and there they came, the whole Austrian delegation for a spectacular overture and the introductory speech of Martin Schuster, the Mayor of Perchtoldsdorf.

Then each country performed their pieces with flying colours, the French team being on 4th position after Italy, Estonia and Germany. Each team had their conductor: Miss Massein conducted the French and even invited the audience to sing and clap on The Beatles’s famous ballad, «Hey Jude», after setting fire with The Ramones’s «Blitzkrieg Bop», Imagine Dragons’s «Radioactive» and Gloria Jones’s «Tainted Love».

Finally, Austria and then the common choir closed this «Amazing Grace». Everyone, both students and adults, had a great fun together and enjoyed the work and talent of each country.

THAT IS EUROPE! THAT IS ERASMUS+!
SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Every fairy tales have to end...

Back in black
We left early in the morning with the help of Peter who allowed us to get on the right train. He thus spared us an unplanned visit from Austria. Once in Vienues we left our banding in storage and then enjoyed some free time in the city centre.
After recording the banding, we boarded for Brussels. At our arrival the bus was waiting to take us back to Lens.
Each one having recovered their belongings the team dispersed being sure of two things:
This week rich in emotions and shares us all to leave a lasting memory, and there are no kangaroos in Austria!