

On Sunday the 17th of April 2016 the meeting at Kollegium Kalksburg started and students and teachers from 10 schools from 9 different countries arrived in Vienna. After a lovely dinner at one of Austria's typical restaurants called "Heuriger" the students were warmly welcomed in their host families and the teachers made themselves at home in the hotel "Altmann" near the Kollegium. Tired from the long journey and the lively evening and knowing that an interesting week was waiting for all of us everyone tried to get a good night's sleep.

Like former 2 projects our last project on modern diagnostics was awarded as "best-practice-example". For this project alternative electricity was important especially the production of biogas and bioethanol.

The students have already produced biogas out of corn silage at the meeting in February. Bioethanol is going to be produced out of waste paper next meeting. The goal of the week in Vienna was to work together and form international teams to work on the theoretical background of the experiments and of course have a cultural exchange and building new friendships.

On Monday teachers and students were welcomed by Vice-Headmistress and the tasks for the week were explained. During the week the teams prepared the presentations for the meeting in Evreux which will be taking place in October 2016. They were introduced to the experiments and worked on the lectures.



On Tuesday all the participants were able to listen to a lecture on solar energy held by Dr. Gornik a university professor from the technical university of Vienna. After the presentation everyone was welcomed to join the lively discussion about the topic.

On Wednesday afternoon both the teachers and students went into the inner city with guided tours and for the teachers a visit at the treasury. This cloudless sunny day was a good opportunity to see a lot of Austria's beautiful capital and to get to know each other better.



On Thursday the participants went on a field trip to the power station Zwentendorf. There they had a guided tour throughout the company. In the afternoon there was a field trip to the company EVN which produces hydrogen out of left over wind power in the power-to-gas-system.

On Friday the teachers and students had a guided tour at the waste burning station and Biogas company Pfaffenau in Vienna.

To end this interesting week during which all of us learned a lot about alternative energy and about the other member countries a dinner at the restaurant Brandtner was being held.

On Saturday all the students and teachers started their journey back to their home. Everyone with more knowledge, more friendships and probably with a lot of Mannerschnitten, Mozartkugeln and the urge to one time come back to this beautiful city.

