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## MY EXPERIENCE ON THE CLIL PROJECT

After coming back from Spain, completing the first part of the project, I was looking forward to meeting the girl I was going to spend an entire week with in my hometown in Bulgaria. Her name is Natalia, or Cingi Lingi Bom as I call her, and she's from Slovakia. We texted almost everyday before she came to Bulgaria, because I really wanted to get to know her better. Natalia seemed like the perfect choice - she told me she was in a band, listens to classical rock and loves reading books. I could tell we would get along.

And so the time had come. Me and my schoolmates were waiting at the bus station to finally meet our new friends from all over Europe - we had teachers and students coming from Spain, Turkey, Poland, Italy, Slovakia and Greece! So needless to say, we were all extremely excited.

My friend - Iliana, was hosting the other student from Slovakia that was coming with Natalia - Dominika. And so me and Iliana wrote their names on a cardboard sheets and started waving them around when their bus arrived. When they got off, there was no awkwardness and no shyness. We all hugged each other and started chatting about things like how the trip was and if there were any troubles. Me and Natalia talked all the way to my apartment, but at

the same time I didn't want to be pushy, because I knew what it was like after hours of traveling - she was tired and hungry and wanted a shower.

When we arrived I showed her around the place - the room she was going to stay at, the bathroom, the kitchen and so on. Then I and my mom invited her to dinner and when she came, she had prepared a huge box, filled all the way up with candy from Slovakia, along with a wooden spoon and a cutting board, with elements on them, drawn by herself!

We stayed up pretty late just talking about her life in Slovakia and her family, even though we were supposed to be at school at 9:00 am the next morning.

And so the next day we were there on time - all the students and teachers gathered in my school. Most of us already knew each other, because we were together on our trip to Spain, so there were a lot of hugs and "I've missed you"'s that day. Then the principal of HSFM "Intellect" - Mr. Raykov greeted all the newcomers with a speech and a warm welcoming has been organized beforehand - students from my school were dressed with traditional Bulgarian clothes and were giving out bread with honey - It is a Bulgarian welcoming tradition. After that, we showed them around our school, before heading to our library - where we were all going to present a presentation about the history of our countries and our Independence days, along with the differences in the educational systems.

The best part of the day was when we had to present a dance that is most likely danced or best known in our countries. We all took part in learning how to do that - we stepped on each other's toes and laughed it off, but the whole experience was the most fun I had in awhile!

By the end of the day all the tension between us was relieved, if there was any to begin with, because I felt so happy and honored to be a part from this project.