

Erasmus+ Hybrid-Meeting | Fake news | Austria

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The goal of this meeting was to dig deeper and examine fake news from different perspectives. The project started on Tuesday, Feb 1st, which was the introductory day. We presented our school and region using a video and a presentation. We also talked about conspiracy theories and why people spread them. Mr. Butter, a professor at the University of Tübingen, delivered an interesting online lecture in which he defined the term “conspiracy theory” and gave some examples, such as Angela Merkel supposedly being connected to the Illuminati.

On Wednesday we participated in an offline workshop on fake news. We had to do some research and find out whether the given news items were true or false. Afterwards we joined the other students online and received some valuable information on how to produce different videos, such as V-logs (YouTube, Tiktok), explainity videos, stop-motion and TV shows. Then we were tasked with making our own video, which was supposed to raise awareness about fake news.

Thursday was our production day – we created a video about fake news, which was lots of fun. We recorded a late-night show episode and some informative video sequences, which were all combined into one video. We had four actors for the late-night show: Eric Green, Emma Blue, Antonia Red, Leonie Yellowstone. Eric was the host of the *Late-Night Leibnitz* show, Emma and Antonia were the famous actresses featuring in the movie *Spiderwoman*. Leonie played an expert on fake news, who helped to reveal fake news. Sophia and Anna delivered some tips on how to debunk fake news. Nils was the camera man and Noreen did an awesome job editing the whole video.

On Friday, the last day of our project, all the different groups presented their finished videos online. The results were impressive and this was an amazing way to end our Erasmus+ project week.





Short version for our BG/BRG Leibnitz homepage:

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