



# PLANS

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Digitisation as an opportunity for  
contemporary changes in teaching methods



In the week from 14 to 18 February we  
welcomed in Kerpen our European guests  
from Portugal, Spain, Romania  
and Czech Republic



The highlight of the project on the 2nd day  
of the meeting was a videoconference with  
Axel Voss, Member of the European  
Parliament, who made the challenges of a  
digital world clear to the young people.

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## Planning Learning Approaches for Nowadays' Students

Developing new learning pathways in the context of digital  
education



### Five schools from five European countries, five days together in Kerpen

The guests and the parents from Kerpen were welcomed on the first  
day by Dominik Riediger, our deputy headmaster, and Katharina  
Schulte-Mattler, coordinator of the  
bilingual branch, who explained  
the importance of the Erasmus+  
project for the Europagymnasium  
in a welcoming address to the



guests and emphasised: *"Together,  
the challenges can be overcome  
by the European countries if we grow  
even closer together and take  
responsibility for each other. Let's  
celebrate Europe together!"*



### Europe on the move digitally

EU Parliamentarian Axel Voss impressively showed students how  
complex and often confusing the digital world of data looks these  
days, and at the same time he pointed out the increasing importance  
of social networks. We learned, among other things, that in one  
minute, several hours of data are uploaded to channels like YouTube.  
There is a need for reliable control mechanisms and "filters" to  
ensure that no inhumane or discriminatory content finds its way onto  
the internet. Voss could understand that Article 13 (more familiar to



Cooking dishes from the five countries after the video conference with Axel Voss brought the pupils a little closer together.



students as "upload filter") is an irritant for students, but at the same time he pointed out the necessity of comprehensive monitoring and the protection of intellectual property.

In conclusion, our guests addressed their own important questions to Axel Voss. They expressed their concern that the internet as a (copyright)-free space is hardly controllable and that the internet is used in almost all areas of our everyday life - unfortunately also by right-wing extremist parties, which know how to use social networks to spread their content. But Axel Voss assured us that, at least in the European Parliament, there is no need to fear that far-right parties will gain the upper hand because parliamentary control functions perfectly there, according to Voss.



At the end of the event, Axel Voss urged the students to continue fighting for the idea of a united, peaceful Europe. It was an honour to introduce the participants to the workings of the European Parliament. This was impressively done by Axel Heyer (coordinator of the EP's visiting service), who - unlike Voss - was digitally connected from Brussels.

**Day 3 was dedicated to discovering Cologne's cultural heritage.**



During an interactive scavenger hunt through Cologne, the young people were able to experience the cultural heritage of the cathedral city. While the students started at the venerable Cologne



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Cathedral, they went on to explore the Heinzelmännchenbrunnen, Alter Markt and Hohenzollernbrücke, among other places.



At the last stop in Cologne, everyone - in keeping with tradition - attached a padlock to the railings of the bridge, especially to express their attachment to the Erasmus project and to show that the harmony of cultural exchange will continue.



We were prepared for all the adversities of the pandemic, but nevertheless the storm unfortunately threw a big wrench in our plans: the presentation of all the products we had worked on so far, which had been planned in a big event in the auditorium of the Europagymnasium, unfortunately had to be cancelled. And so we had to stay home on the 4th day of our meeting. The Erasmus students then worked on a great interactive poster.





### Impressions of togetherness



In spite of another storm warning, it was possible to visit the old government city of Bonn on Friday. The programme was crammed together in order to be back in Kerpen before the storm peaked. Regardless, the two museum tours – The House of History and the Beethoven House - could be experienced in a shortened version.

However, the storm warnings accompanied us so strongly that we were not able to explore the city of Bonn more closely and started our journey home in the early afternoon.

**Despite the pandemic and the storm, many doors were opened during this special week. Many plans were made for the future.**



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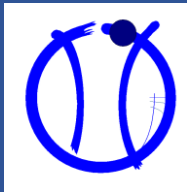
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...and there were many tears as we said goodbye



.... above all, the promise was made that we will all face  
the future with strength and confidence.



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