

On the road...



Train for Europe

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Fifth Year Engineering students travelled to Portugal for their second international project meeting 5th-11th March, Lisbon

We arrived at 6.30pm on the only flight from Dublin to Lisbon on the Monday. Tuesday was our first working day and we progressed the work started in Croatia at the first meeting. By Tuesday afternoon we had made some important decisions about the wagon components and the European electronic map.

Wednesday was our 'visit' day and we went to an aircraft maintenance factory as well as visiting the host school CENFIM Núcleo de Torres Vedras. On Thursday morning we started a new Workline 'A' to deal with the locomotive design. At this stage all worklines are in progress. Workline B deals with Wagon Components e.g. wheels, Workline C which is the European electronic map and Workline D is supporting tasks like the multilingual technical glossary.



Friday saw the conclusion of the work and the decisions about what has to happen next in order to progress the project. Our co-ordinator, Heinz Wildgrube, reminded us that Ireland will hold the EU Presidency in 2013 when the project is finishing and asked us to write to President Michael D Higgins and ask him to invite the Train Family to Strasburg for the final meeting and presentation of the project.

Saturday was cultural day and we were taken



on a bus-tour of the city before being released for an afternoon of shopping and melting in 25 degrees. At the farewell dinner that night we chatted and said goodbye to all the friends we had made during the week. A total of 24 schools are involved with over 100 students attending each meeting. The next meeting is in Slovenia from 10th-16th May. We can't wait!

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