

Wednesday

Wednesday was one of the most exciting days of our journey. We went to a coal mine located only a few kilometres away from Most and it left quite a remarkable impression on us.

We met in front of the school at 9 am and were surprised to see some off-road vehicles. It then turned out that we had to take those to get to the mine. After half an hour of driving on the street we finally arrived at a bumpy path and we were able to see the scale of the coal mine for the first time and everyone was quite astonished about its size.



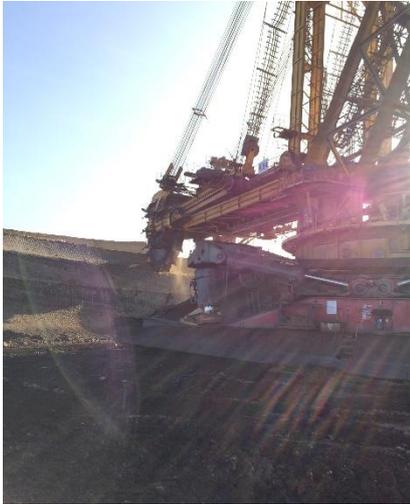
1: Off-road vehicle:
"Unimumog"



2: Coal mining area

The drivers of the trucks, who were actually working at that mine, gave us some background information about the area and that particular mine. It was especially interesting to learn about the

future prospective of the area. They are planning to use some of the area for agriculture and they are going to turn most of the area into a forest and a huge lake until 2050.



3: Excavator

Afterwards we went into the mine and were allowed to see how coal is being extracted first-handed. Again, the sheer size of the equipment used was impressive. Excavators at least as big as a whole apartment block and worth millions of euros take away the sand and rocks which is then transported by a system of conveyors. (which you can see in the foreground of the picture 2)

It was a bit cold that day and we were happy to be back in the warm truck after a couple of exhausting hours at the coal mine.



4: Sportovka

In the evening, most of us met at a local sports bar to play bowling. It was a lot of fun and we really started to bond as a group.