

The EPAS team of the 1st Model Senior High School of Halkida visited the European Parliament in Brussels

Eight students of the EPAS team, junior ambassadors of the European Parliament and two senior ambassadors, visited the European

Parliament in Brussels as guests of the MEP, Mr. Stelios Kymbouropoulos, on May 4-6.

We were given the chance to celebrate Europe Day in a special way. As soon as we arrived in Brussels, we were taken to the Parlamentarium, where we were informed about the role of the European Parliament, its institutions and how they work. We learned some very interesting information about the EU committees, saw statistics and expressed our questions.

This was followed by a visit to the Plenary Hall. We had the opportunity to see up close, as spectators, the place where the conferences of the MEPs take place. There, we discussed with experts how and through which studies someone can work in an institution of the European Union, a really beneficial and optimistic discussion as we demystified the process and understood the fact that this is not something impossible for anyone.

The next day, we went to beautiful Bruges by train and visited characteristic monuments. In the city of Bruges, time seems to stand still in the 13th century. The fairy-tale colored houses, the Gothic cathedrals with the baroque statues, the towers and the bistros take you back to a bygone era. It was a very enjoyable trip that was really worth it. We really liked the Comics Art Museum in Brussels, which was entertaining and enlightening about the meaning of the image in public life, the process of making a comic, various heroes of the genre, etc.

We are all very happy and grateful that we were given the opportunity to enjoy this experience. We sincerely thank Mr. Kympouropoulos for this invitation and our teachers who made this trip become a reality. It is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience and will remain indelible in our memory.

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