

After taking a look at the participant list and agenda, it was a MUST to apply for the legendary Olympixx! The registration and acceptance came into email and the first phase of Olympixx trip started real-time when “www.ryanair.com” was typed in Mozilla -Here we go again!

In Germany the loyal rental car Opel Corsa took us safely to Karlsruhe. We had our accommodation at University's old sport hall which was superior place to gather all the ESTIEM spirit in one place. It was time for Opening Ceremony. What would be better way to start the event than having some tasters, drinks and get together with old and new people from all around Europe. The event took place at the campus area outdoors from the ESTIEM LG Karlsruhe headquarter ;) All LGs brought some local specialities from their countries. As it was the World Cup time, we all practiced the Shakira's hit song “Waka Waka” cheering dance for our favourite teams. The night continued in a small nightclub...

The first action day had a nice start thanks to Vuvuzelas. Morning run around the campus was refreshing at 6:00am. Additionally we had a morning gym coordinated by the local Karlsruhe student. After that we had a solid breakfast and were ready for a multisport tournament! It was for sure going to be the warmest day of the summer so far and it resulted into huge physical challenge. Sport tournament took place in a nice private sport area. Multinational teams took part in beach volley, football, ultimate, relay race, wheelbarrow, rope jumping and a game called “Boll in a box”. Each team prepared their own slogans and rituals to strengthen the ESTIEM team spirit. We have never seen so many happy faces after drinking only cold water!

The various sports challenged team members to cheer up each other. It was great to see how everyone pushed themselves to the limit. There were also tight battles: Win of a triathlon (relay race, wheelbarrow and rope jump) was figured out between last pair of rope jumpers. After the competition the winners were given a nice trophy. Then it was time for party everybody had waited! “STRABA PARTY, STRABA PARTY, huh, huh”! Even the Finnish people had to submit under the hot weather and not wear non-breathing overalls. Over hundred ESTIEMers packed in same tram partying and being crazy. Of course we didn't forget to knock the klopper..Rumour says that during the tram party pipi pause someone fell asleep in the woods because they are so tempting and cosy in Karlsruhe. After party took place close to accommodation in a small club. Party kept going on until dusk.

Friday morning started with Schloga Rally. The idea was to get to know to the city a bit better with small teams. Each group was given a map of the city. On the map was marked various action points where teams had to show their team spirit. Around the city we saw human pyramids, swimming in the fountain, children doing human ESTIEM logo, singing and teams shouting their battle call! We only had few hours to complete all the tasks. The hardest one might have been to figure out how to cook a raw egg on the way in the tight schedule. After the race we gathered for lunch into a local student pub Oxford.

In the afternoon it was time for Schnitzeljagd. In the same small groups we took part in some crazy drinking games in a cozy park at the campus area. The drinking skills of the teams were measured for example in Drinking sangria with straws, Elephant ball, Flunkee ball and Beer relay drinking. The battle spirits were also tested with Monkey walk and some nudity competition stuff... ;) We heard that these competitions are the traditional freshmen training for LG Karlsruhe also.

Later on we went to watch a World Cup football game: Netherlands vs. Uruguay. Thanks to our dutchie-friends the atmosphere was superb. Rest of the evening ESTIEMers conquered the EuropaBad. The slides were popular among the ESTIEMers all jumping in them at once. The pool

area was nice, especially the warmed outdoor pool. The sauna was too cold and too steamy as always in Germany :D.

Saturday morning started with presentation of an Olympixx main sponsor – Arvato. Arvato is a global company offering careers on various branches such as financial services. The morning continued with ESTIEM UNICEF charity run. The goal was to run as much as possible during two hours. The city of Karlsruhe and other donators gave money for UNIFEC according to our charity run results. There were all the necessary elements: Bratwurst hotdogs, a local band playing music, water points for the runners and a sprinkler cooling them on their way. Also an ambulance and security men were there in case needed. The charity run succeeded over expectations: in average each participant ran about 15km and ESTIEMers gathered more than 5000€ for UNICEF, thanks to the sponsors! More about charity run from here (linkki

<https://www.estiem.org/default.aspx?PageId=68&EditModule=News%2fNewsDetails&EditId1=1124&PageModuleId=282&GoBackUrl=%2fdefault.aspx>).

The evening gald-dinner took place in a lovely old castle in a botanical garden. We all dressed our bests even though the temperature was killing us. The highlight of the evening was amazing ESTIEM theatre play, “How I met ESTIEM”. The play had been planned since last year and it turned out to be a huge success and hopefully we’ll see the story to continue in future ESTIEM events! In the play there was around 20 ESTIEMers, some of them were just recruited into the play at the time of registration to the event. After the gala-dinner and all the thanks for the LG Karlsruhe the evening continued as a disco party with ESTIEM alumnies.

For most of the ESTIEMers it was time to leave on the next morning. We said our farewells to LG Karlsruhe on Sunday after enjoying the traditional southern German breakfast with weißbier and wurst.

Let’s keep the ESTIEM sportsspirit alive!