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Dear Karsten,

It has been a while since we last saw each other but it is amazing how the social media keep us updated. I followed you on Instagram back then, also not just you but many friends I got from a week in Bad Marienberg.

Some people might think of Think Europe as a temporary project, but the way I felt it ,was completely different. If it wasn't for this program I would never have heard Social Democrats, Liberals of EU, or people like Martin Schulz, or Jean-Claude Juncker.

One of the key things was the final group project. After the team-work and a day of editing we brought a video full of fun. It was the rewritten form of the song selfie. Just the other day I have found the voice memos of my friend Anil, recording for the video. He told me that it even got him crying.

This projects and new people from around Europe helped me solidify my self esteem. Now I know I can meet new people and make good friends of them. Me and Migle from Latvia were chosen to skype call with a representative of EU, and believe me it was one of the hardest thing for me there but it also made me stronger..

Even tough Turkey is not yet a member of the EU, we all saw that there are common things that brings us all together. We are all human after all but being European is a whole different concept. I remember some of the other groups were shocked by my friends holding each others hands. But I am glad they saw we also have boyfriends and girlfriends.

I have just a little more to say about friendship. Probably I would have never met a sixteen year old Hungarian, German etc. if I wasn't in the program. I would have never tasted their drink, learned their culture, eat their food, or even talk to them. Now I am so grateful for all the people I met I know from my heart if I ever visit their city they will always help me out.

Thanks for being such a good guide and taking me out of the cave.

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