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Green travel in project, YES, it's possible!

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Part of project work is creation of reports, planning and dissemination. Traveling to consortium meetings is often on tight schedule and there isn't always time to cocreate. Projects, besides the substance related goals aim at scaling cooperation, acquiring knowledge, building new and cementing existing networks. How does it relate to green travel?

As part of AEQUALIS4TCLF project consortium meeting at Amsterdam, we took extra day for local faculty visits. (Read more here). After that, instead of rushing to the airport, we hopped on the train from Amsterdam to Stockholm, where ferry to Finland was waiting for us. We traveled by train for 24h which offered us space without rush to discuss, reflex and plan how to utilize what we've learned. The total trip was roughly 2000 km during which we got very tangible experience of connecting Erasmus-project partner nations by land and sea, instead of air. It's a bit like taking a metro or having a walk around the city, the difference is enormous. When we got on the ferry in Stockholm, we had a clear plan of what should be done next, how to proceed with the project, we picked pictures and began writing reports and dissemination materials of our trip. Time spent together traveling made it easy to move forward.

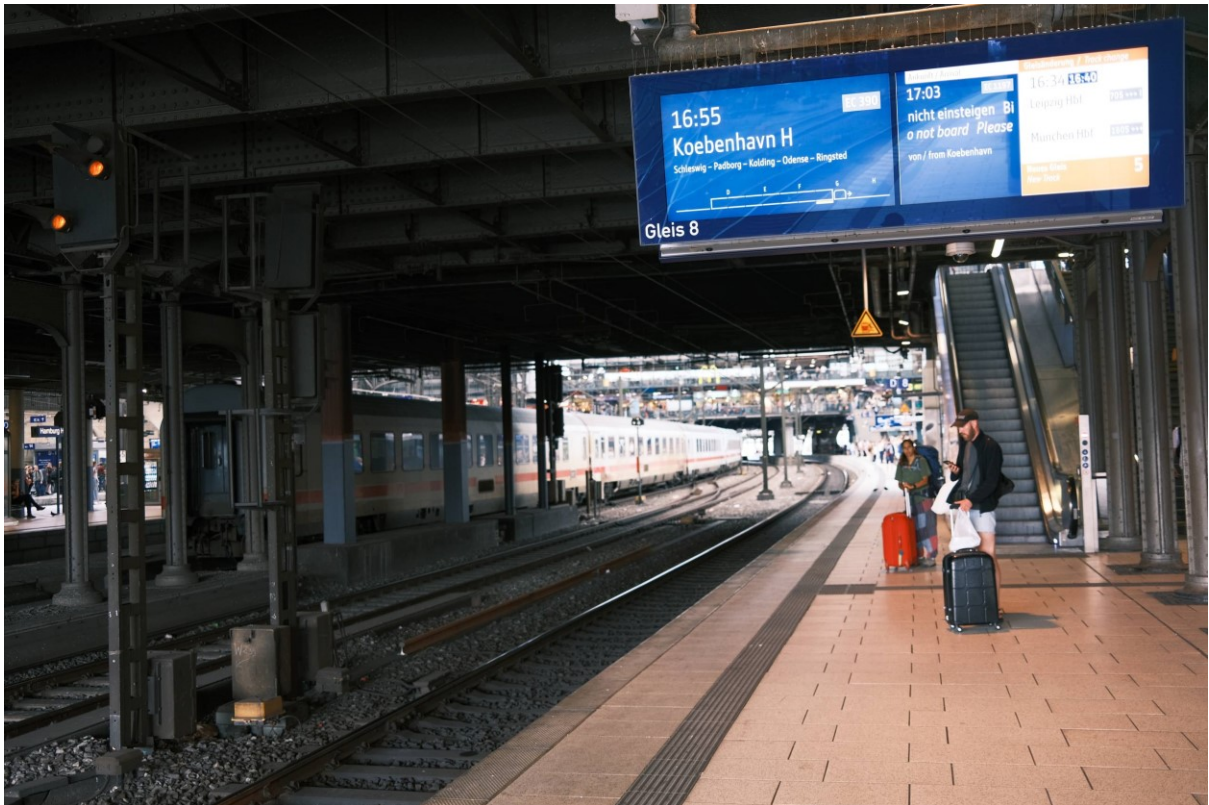
Yes, it's not a short trip and it was not without hiccups, but all in all we made within planned time frame back home and stronger as a team. Slower travel is a reminder that life isn't a sprint and good things take time.



Our first DB train got canceled.



We managed to catch up!



Waiting in Hamburg



Interior of Danish train spacious and stylish.



Midnight train change somewhere in Sweden.

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