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## Trip to Amsterdam: school exchange with Lycée Spinoza

19 students from the 11<sup>th</sup> grade European section traveled to Amsterdam from May 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the second part of their exchange with Spinoza High School in Amsterdam. The trip was eco-responsible: the students traveled by train to reduce their carbon footprint. Their Dutch correspondents had already visited Nantes from March 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The theme of the exchange was sustainable development and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

The students took part in a variety of activities, including a workshop at Spinoza High School to calculate their carbon footprint, a guided tour of an eco-neighborhood, a workshop at the WAAG Fablab in Amsterdam, visits to the Stedelijk Museum and the Rijksmuseum, a tour of the windmills at Zaanse Schans, a visit to The Hague and the Mauritshuis Museum, where they saw Vermeer's masterpiece *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, and an excursion to Scheveningen beach.

The objectives of this project were:

- Language and cultural exchange
- English language practice
- European outreach
- Links with exchange students, diversity
- Discovering foreign education systems
- Developing skills through workshops

All exchanges between students and teachers were in English.



Livet students at the WAAG Fablab workshop in Amsterdam