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Fourth meeting in Kuopio, Finland was - once again a big success. We have been there without students and we didn't take part in Inventor & MasterCAM workshops or the view to the KOLIBRI CNC milling machine but we took part in all the other activities and work lines.

In A Line (locomotive) we saw our locomotive run (on table because of lack of tracks). We are talking about prototype, without outline shape but we are very proud to be in that group with Denmark, Italy, Finland. B Line was there for the last time - we as a group have changed some things on the wheels in order to get a better running smoothness. The last version of wheels will be put in CNC Forum asap.

C Line EU Electronic map divided in 4 groups must work further on. We have promised to have our final solution of electronics for St. Pölten and there for 4 students (2 electronics 2 CNC) are going to Austria with 3 to 4 teachers. The other final solution based on our proposal done in Slovenia will be done by schools from Belgia and Netherlands. We are going to decide in St. Pölten which one from the solutions is better for our Train.

D Workline was also fruitful and we have another film clip, this time from Slovenia. We have also another one from Portugal but from Croatia there is none.

We have in mind all group work sessions with very fruitful and effective atmosphere and therefore profitable results for their further work. So, we think that again we have made a great step forward towards the final of our project. Of course, there is work load for the coming month either when final designing the different parts or producing them on the machines, but we have no doubts, that the next meeting in St. Pölten will show great results.

HEIDENHAIN company offered again their support as in all the other meetings and help for the further steps of realizing our project idea.

Apart from discussions concerning the organization of our final meeting and therefore establishing our new workline E, voting on our common logo and seeing the first loco run, according to many participants, the meeting was not only a great success in terms of technical progress, but it was also the chance to have an insight into life and living conditions in Finland. We think , that our day out with wilderness activities in the woods as well as the boat trip through the breathtaking scenery will be unforgettable.

Finally we have a problem:

After coming back and deciding to go in April to Brussels Mrs. Zrinka Vrabec Mojzeš organized over Mrs. Doris Pack a chance to present our work in Parliament in Brussels in May (13th to 17th). We think that this idea is much better than to go to Brussels for one day and we send a mail to all thee partners about our thoughts.

5 days in exhibition room in Parliament in Brussels instead of one day in Strasbourg is much better offer but we don't know what is Train Family going to decide.