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Q: Can you describe your Erasmus studies in terms of teaching and student life?

A: I was very glad to study there. There were a lot of activities organized, Polish students and professors are very kind to foreign students, professors behaved very flexible against us over the lessons. And, our coordinators, working in Erasmus Office, were very caring towards us; they arranged national cultural nights, games, trips more than once.

Q: What were the enriching aspects of your studies?

A: I enriched my political knowledge thanks to my well-equipped and kind professors. And I also enriched my presentation capability, because most of the professors wanted us to prepare presentations to pass the courses.



Q: Can you share any memorable cultural experiences or events that you participated in during your time in Europe?

A: There is Piastonia event that hold between 20-25 May. It is a festival event but every day before or during festivals, they were arranging award winning games, walking with costumes etc.

Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?

A: I liked 'pierogi ruskie'. Pierogi ruskie can be made with different flavors, in restaurants you can choose it. And actually it seems like Turkish food 'Manti'.



Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?

A: When I arrived , it was very cold and foggy, after a few weeks it became hotter day by day. Opole is a very small city, and older people are more than young population. Polish people are generally cold but if you can be friend with them, they can be more friendly. Polish people are very loyal to rules of their countries. For example, when they go across, they were waiting for the pedestrian light to turn on even when roads are empty.

Q: Did you have the opportunity to explore other cities or countries during your time in Europe? If yes, what were some highlights of your travels?

A: I explored France, Italy, Germany, Monaco, Austria, Czech Republic, and Slovakia and in Poland I explored Wroclaw, Katowice, Krakow and Warsaw except Opole.

Q: Have you tried learning the local language? Can you say something in the local language?

A: Unfortunately, no. Because I stayed there for just one term and Polish language is very hard, so I did not need to learn. But I learned some words; Do Widzenia, Apteka, Czesc, Dziekuje.

Q: What is your general impression about country?

A: Polish people became happy when I told them that I am Turkish. There are a lot of Ukrainian immigrant people escaped from war, but Polish people get along well with them. But I can not say that they have cultural richness as in Turkey. Also, I can say that Polish people are very calm, peaceful, actually they can shout in the streets but they do not fight generally.

Q: Would you recommend other Turkish students to apply for studies in Europe or internship?

A: I recommend everyone to taste this Europe advantage. Some Turkish students want to come, but they hesitate, because Turkish people are facing with devaluation against Euro, but I think, if necessary they should earn money before going to Europe and they must go in any way, because I swear that it's worth it

