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

A: The laboratory facilities of the university where I did Erasmus were better. For example, we used consumables such as pipette tips and pasteur pipettes more easily. At the same time, when we were doing experiments in the laboratories, the teachers usually left us alone and observed what we were doing and how we were doing it.

Q: What were the enriching aspects of your studies?

A: Among the factors that made my Erasmus education enjoyable are: being able to exchange ideas with people of different nationalities and understand how they see things from different perspectives; learning about different cultures by participating in various cultural nights; experiencing different teaching techniques from an academic point of view; traveling to different places.

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

A: One evening when I was walking around Poznań I saw that there was a free classical music concert that night at the Academy of Music and I went in and it was a great concert. The year I went on erasmus, Arctic Monkey was performing at the opener festival and I had the opportunity to see them live.

Q: Did you discover any new favorite dishes?

A: I have tried new dishes, but I don't have a favorite food other than sweets

Q: How about the weather, atmosphere and people?

A: The weather was generally cold, but the best part of going in summer is that it never gets dark. Although Polish people are generally cold at first when you start to meet them, they can be quite talkative after a while.

6) 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?

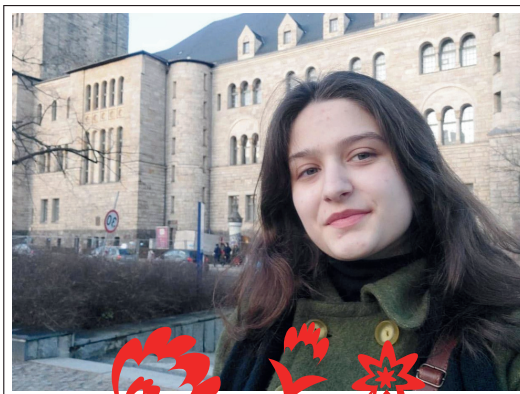
A: I visited 10 countries during my Erasmus. While walking the streets in Budapest, I saw people entering a wonderful building and when I followed them, I learned that everyone was coming to a classical music concert and I bought a ticket with the last money I changed that day. On my last day in Poland, I went to Warsaw, I went to a store where Steinway & Sons pianos were sold and I listened to a pianist working there and we became friends with that pianist and he invited me to his concert in the evening.

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

A: I didn't make an effort to learn Polish because the words I saw on the streets were always too long and I didn't have the desire to learn. But over time I became familiar with everyday words like Wolny (Free), Tak (Yes) Nie (No) Dzień Dobry (Good Morning, Hello), Przepraszam (Sorry).

Q: What is your general impression about country?

A: Poland is generally a quiet and cheap country for students. Thanks to being a cheap country to do Erasmus, daily expenses are cheap in euro and traveling to other countries becomes easier.



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

A: I think everyone who has the opportunity should do erasmus in some way, it is a project that makes you a citizen of the world as well as giving you wonderful memories in both cultural, social and self-confidence. It (also) gives you (the self-) confidence to plan and program and travel accordingly.

