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"Erasmus+ made me a better person"

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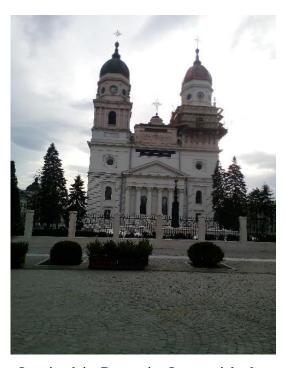
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I am Erjona Asabella and I have finished Bachelor and Master Studies in English language.

During the last year of Bachelor studies, I got an opportunity to study abroad as an exchange student.

I applied for an Erasmus + exchange in Romania and I studied for a semester in University "Ioan Cuza din Iasi". I continued to study English by successfully approaching the respective subjects, attending classes and passing exams. It was such a great and successful experience for me, because I had the chance to study in a European university from which I gained new knowledge and a new life.





When I arrived in Romania, I was picked up from the airport by Raluca, my tutor and my best friend in Romania. Next day I started school and it was the most beautiful day of my life when I had the chance to present myself as an Erasmus student from Albania. The professors were very kind and too professional. The offered their unconditional assistance to me in order to further proceed with my studies. It was a little bit difficult until I got familiar

with the University, the staff and the other students, from Romania and all over the world.



Iasi was such a beautiful and small city and people were very hospitable and I felt myself like I was not a foreign any more. Even the cashier on the supermarket was very kind to me, as she was all the time trying to help with the money exchanges or anything else necessary to me.

After attending a lot of classes, I entered the exam season which resulted successful as well. I was also working on my Bachelor thesis and I found such a dedicated pedagogical staff there, who helped me to find the necessary bibliography for my thesis and I have to mention that there was a great library available to the students through all the days of the week.

I got to know a lot of friends from all over the world, since that we were used to live together on a Dormitory "Camin C5", which was provided to all the Erasmus students in Romania. I had the chance to know a lot of foreign languages and to memorize a lot of words and phrases; this experience helped me to also break some stereotypes and broaden my horizon.

I would never lose the chance to go back to Iasi and visit the University and the staff there, to whom I am so grateful for everything they did for me in order to never forget that life experience in Romania.

Years have passed and now, I have finished studies and I am working in the university "Fan S. Noli", Korçë Albania, for 5 years. I am working as a Specialist in the Center of Innovation and I have had other responsibilities before working in this job position; I have worked as an English translator and Specialist for the Center of Information and Promotion.

This exchange was a such a successful opportunity as it taught me to challenge myself and to achieve my objectives in life.