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# “Erasmus+ the golden opportunity”

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## Journey towards Erasmus+

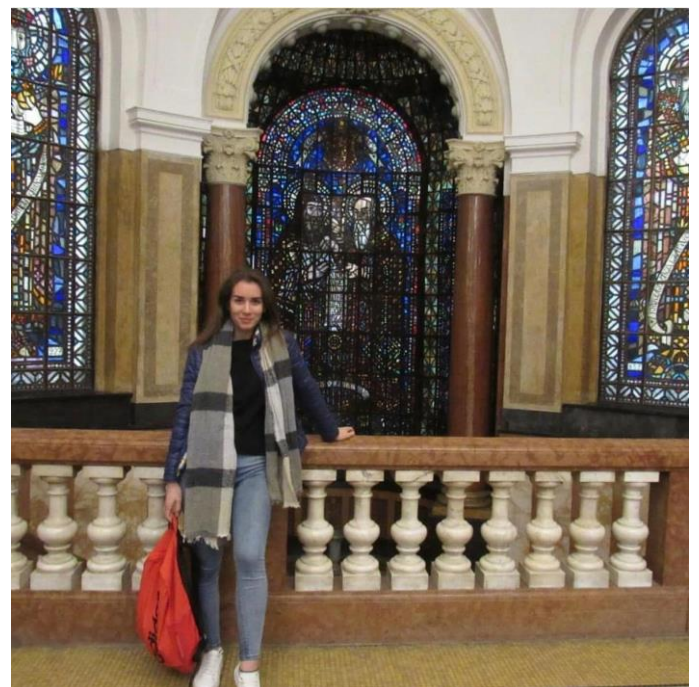
My name is Alba Zajaku and I am studying Business Administration in Faculty of Economics, University of Elbasan., Albania. I had a different experience that not all the students get during their studies in any other university, which was a beautiful time with exchange students from different countries.



I have heard for the first time about this program when I was in high school and since then it became like a dream to me which I wanted to realize it. I motivated myself to learn more English so I could be a perfect candidate to participate in this project. So, when I started the university, I took all the information about the Erasmus+ program at the IRO in order to apply for this mobility exchange students. And then I applied and I was chosen to be part for mobility at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. I was so excited that I was chosen for this mobility to try this experience in another country, that I could test myself that I could learn more. I applied for the call autumn 2019 as I remember the two last days off the call with these documents: Curriculum Vitae (CV), Motivation Letter, Copy of my Passport, Student Certificate from the Faculty. After the application, IRO sent me an email with the

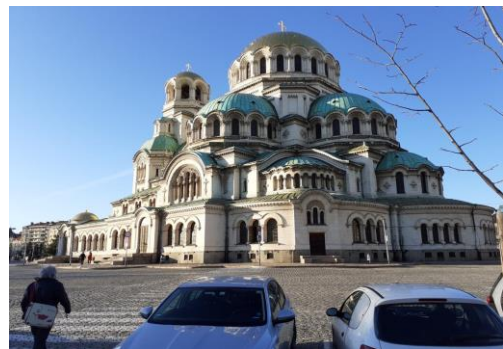
date and place for the English test, which was held with all the other applicants. After that I received an email that I was chosen to be part of the Erasmus + mobility. I completed all the other documents as: Application Form, Learning Agreement that I filled together with my professor in order to know which of the subjects to study at host university in order to be recognized in my home university for the reason not to study the same subjects that I had studied at home university. Everything went perfect and most of the subjects of the study program were the same.

## My Erasmus My Sofia



When I arrived in Sofia after a long trip almost 12 hours, I had a strange feeling like, emotion, because I had visualized what I was going to do at the host university of the way of studies, the places I wanted to visit, what kind of foods I wanted to taste, and finally my dream came true. I was there, so I must complete my “plans”. Thanks to our buddy we found the places to register our documents and then to start the journey.

It was an experience completely different because I was only with friends out there, for me wasn't strange thing for the fact that I have lived before alone without my parents but that was different and it was perfect time for me to find out how brave, how responsible, how strong, I was to face that kind of life in a country that I haven't been before. It was exactly a boost toward my personality.



Studying at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” was an experience that I will never ever forget about it. I was impressed by the academic staff because they were very communicative with all the students, very prepared and they created a very good relation with their students. But unfortunately, I didn't have the chance to experience the university life there, because of the COVID-19. Also because of this situation everything that I had planned stayed as a dream since I didn't meet new friends, didn't visit a lot of places which in fact were organized by Erasmus+ program, didn't taste a lot of traditional foods etc. etc.

So, as I said it wasn't the experience, I had imagined in my head but if I had the chance to go back, I

would like to visit again Bulgaria for the fact there are a lot of places to discover and a lot of things to learn about that country.

