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“Nothing is difficult if you really want something.”

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My Journey towards Erasmus+



My name is Alboren Selimaj, I am a student of second year Bachelor in Electrical Engineering. My desire to study abroad has been great through the years in high school. When I was informed about the exchanging student program Erasmus, this desire became a purpose. Shortly after the completion of the second year, applicants were opened. I was contacted by the Foreign Relations Office of the university that you are applying for the second semester abroad. The country I applied to was Greece. It took a while after the application and thankfully and I was announced as a winner.

The best choice I have made. The preparation of the documentation was a bit difficult, but the Foreign Relations Office always helped me, including the necessary documents for the application, the ones required by the host institution but also with the Learning

Agreement. However everything was completed successfully.

From the first moment I was optimistic, happy and ready for this new experience. Anyway I was scared with how I would adapt to this situation and new city. The days passed without realizing it and the moment to start my new adventure had come.



My Erasmus My Athens

In time, the day was approaching when I had cut my ticket to go to Greece. I went there by bus, the road and the long travel schedule was a bit tiring and at the same time pleasant after seeing the places which my eye. Once he reached the destination he is experiencing a feeling that everything will do well and go well.

The city was fantastic if I was told to go there again I would gladly go. We were very easily distinguished from the natives there but this is exactly what has become better special

because they were extracting today more and more in their nature sufficient for machinery. People were very polite and quite helpful.

Providing that is part of the experience of an exchange is not only school but also leisure. Very beautiful moments that I remember when we gathered as a society to talk about different topics, we learned the culture of doing each other, we shared our experiences. Not only did we know each other exploitation, but we also knew ourselves better because you are independent and need to be managed once more efficiently.



The city had an intersection of both the old and the new. The old city of Athens located in the center had a very special style so as tourists, locals, but also, we often went there. What I liked was that the city often organized various activities for all tastes and preferences of the people. We got acquainted with their tradition, with the local food, their drinks, but since we lived in the capital, we also tried different cuisines.

This experience has influenced my formation. I was also formed as a better individual, ready to face various problems. Nothing is difficult if you really want something. All people are afraid, but if you want to create beautiful moments then you have to dare.

It takes courage to find out if you really want your dreams, if you are ambitious, and also find answers to many other questions. And there is nothing better than getting out of the comfort zone thanks to the Erasmus program, because you are faced with different situations all alone. I would talk endlessly about the benefits that this program brings, but you better apply, earn and you

will understand all this from the experience you will go through.

Uncertainty and thoughts that you can't handle are just a step back. Do not let them beat you. Apply, have confidence in yourself and do not give up. Worth every second of this program!



Never hesitate to try a new experience such as recognizing the "unknown" even if it turns out to be a mistake then it will be a valuable lesson for you.

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