



“Erasmus+ made me a better person”

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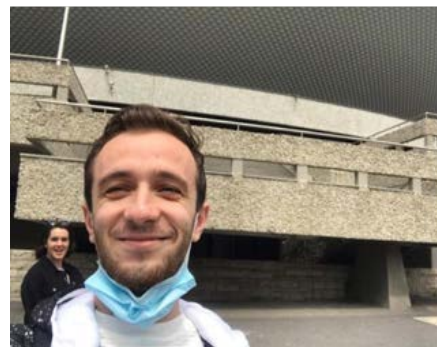
My Journey towards Erasmus+

Hello everyone, I am Endri Tahiraj and this year just ended the second year of Bachelor on English Language. First time I heard about the Erasmus+ program I was on the first year of my studies and it looked too good to be true. Later on, I took part on a meeting with students whom have been part of Erasmus+ program on the previous year. So, I decided to try since there was nothing to lose after all. Everyone was so helpful for every uncertainty I had, the staff was always happy to help, so were the previous students and the teachers too.



Soon after I applied, I took the news that I had won and on February of 2020 I was going to the welcoming city. At the beginning the anxiety has me surrounded, but when I saw how welcoming the university delegates were, the anxiety just disappeared.

My experiences in Kielce



The university was gigantic, the professors were very nice to us, as if we were born there. Not even once did we feel discriminated neither from professors nor from students in contrary, they all were ready to help. Even though the time at the university was limited by the virus COVID-19 I had a great time for as long as it lasted.



As for the dormitories, they were great, cleaned, organized and enough space, so everything we hoped for.

Though locked up because of the COVID-19 virus, the Erasmus+ staff both those in Albania and those in the welcoming city always sent us information about how to protect ourselves from the virus and other information regarding that topic. They also paid a close attention about our health.

Even though this year was a bit difficult because of the virus I still managed to have a great time, we visited some places such as: Krakow, Warsaw and Katowice, wonderful places, liked them so much.

Usually we stayed up till late talking with students from other countries, sometimes talking about the subjects and projects, sometimes playing different games. And so, we were able to defeat the virus. Even though COVID-19 tried so hard to prevent us from having fun we managed to do so.

One thing come to mind, if we had this much fun while COVID-19 hunted the streets, imagine when it disappears, so all in all I recommend to everyone to be part of Erasmus+.