



“Erasmus+ made me a better person”

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My Journey towards Erasmus+



My name is Prishila Korkaj, I am second year bachelor in Finance. Since high school I learned about the Erasmus student program and I had a desire to be part of it. In the first year our university organized a meeting with the Office of Foreign Affairs, which deals in great detail with the process of the next program. Also some of my friends were a part of it and they told me about the criteria and the way of how to apply.

The office staff gave me the right information of the procedures to be followed and also gave me their support. I applied to the program in December 2018 and January 2019 I won it.

The country where mobility would be was Greece the host university were located in Athens. The difficult part was the preparation of the documentation, but the Office of Foreign Relations more than ever helped me for everything.

The moment I was announced winner and completed all the necessary documentation, it was time to take on this adventure

The days passed without being understood and it was time to leave.

The fear of how I would fit in a foreign country was unbelievable. Our university unlike the other universities did not have a dormitory and we had to be accommodated in private houses.

The process of finding an environment was a bit difficult as we did not know the city very well. Anyway, with the help of the host university, we managed to settle down.



My experiences in Athens

The city was very beautiful and had an impressive architecture.

The fact that we were not locals made our stay easier as everyone wanted to know more about us and the state, we represented

The university was very beautiful and people there were very welcoming and made us feel at it like in our place

I remember very beautiful moments with friends from different country of the world, the cultures they had, and the way of life do not make us different but what unites us was the great desire to learn from the other. The city was large and had a very large architecture



What we used to do was seeing places that were attractions for tourists. We wanted to try different cuisines like Chinese Indian ones etc.

This experience is good not only in professional way but also for managing your own thing in life, being an independent person and overcoming any self-defense.

I think for an Erasmus student the only thing you have to have is to believe in yourself that you can handle it.

Fear and insecurity should not overwhelm you, but desire and faith. If you think that what you have is all you need, you have still not tried the Erasmus exchange. Give yourself courage and try experiences that will make you know yourself well

I want to talk longer but better apply and remember me.

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