Erasmus+ w Polsce na Wydziale Technologii Drewna UPP

Cześć!

Mam na imię Ana-Maria. Mam dwadzieścia lat. Jestem z Rumunii i jestem studenką. Lubię podróżować malować, robić zdjęcia i uczyć się języków obcych. Bardzo mi miło. Co słychać?

And that is all the dialogue Polish I know, but the reason why I’m here is to give you some information about how Erasmus mobility can change you. I study at the Faculty of Wood Engineering in the Transilvania University in Brasov, and I had the opportunity to pack my things, take that doze of courage and step out of my comfort zone: I changed the city, changed the language and everything that I was familiar with! You wonder why did I do that? Why should you do that? How can all this change benefit you?

The thing is, I have travelled 1500 km away from home in order to have one of the best adventures in my life, and, not a single day passed since the end of September that I felt homesick. I came to Poland because I knew about the Wood Technology Faculty and about wood processing tradition and I knew that our faculties have similar subjects, so it won’t affect my exams, what I didn’t know, was how lovely your country is! With Gingerbread houses, little dwarves to cheer up your day, with amazing landscapes and panoramic views and some hell of mountain peaks (and it’s not about their height, but by their power and you can fly up there).

After I spoke with some of your colleagues and asked them why they wouldn’t want to go with Erasmus+, two common fears they had: first, that they were alone and the second, they think their English level isn’t good enough. Taking one step at a time, I will tell you that I came here alone. Like literally alone, with no friends, no colleagues from my home faculty. My only connection with Poland was Maciej, a dear friend who studied at my faculty in Brasov for one year.

The beauty of Erasmus is that you have the chance to meet with students from all around the Globe, from Europe to Mexic and Bangladesh. You meet people with whom you travel, party, cook, dance, jump, go waltzing at 2 AM in the morning after going to a ballet performance, sing on top on the mountains “Who let the kids out”, and laugh like there is no tomorrow. You will be so caught up into the living of the moment, that you won’t have time to worry, for nothing in the world. You are challenged by the subjects, learning in a foreign language, but that’s how you develop yourself, that’s how you become better. And trust me, it seems scarier than it really is.

You spend one of the best months in your life next to people who do the same and at the end of this adventure you will be able to tell your stories with such pleasure that you forget about your nervousness.

Cultural differences, language barriers? If you are afraid that sometimes you are not on the same page as the others, don’t stress over it, because you will encounter open-minded people who want to learn about you as much as you want to learn about them: you will be connecting with one another.

You even test the stereotypes that you have heard since forever: Is German language that rough? Are the French romantic people? Are Polish people hard-drinkers? Are Romanian people Vampires? One way or another, my German friend always introduces me as the “little vampire”.

Even though the common language is English, you learn so many phrases in other languages, the good and the bad, that will only nourish your fun. The first word you learn in every language is how to say:”Cheers!” because beer is connecting people.

Taking in consideration the period of the year, I can assure you that the first semester in Romania is filled with wonderful activities. The sooner you arrive, the sooner you discover the beauty of Brasov, being welcomed by Octoberfest with its joyfulness and entertainment. Moving on, you will have the opportunity to take part in the medieval times with knights and battles in our beloved festival, Etnovember, and also cultural program , finished by the mesmerizing fire show.

Moreover, here is the solid proof, that our subjects are similar, so the ECTs are the last on the concerning list.

Each object is the result of the design process of our students and, not only they produce innovative furniture, but they take a special interest into restitution the old ones, and we have a master on this domain and after every second semester, our showroom is filled with their wonderful pieces. For those who are interested in volunteering work, there is the Antique IL club , which awaits with opened arms to teach.

##### Our faculty also invites you to the student trips, as a reward of their good results, and you can go to the Astra National Museum Complex in Sibiu, where you are surrounded by traditional houses of Romanian villages, customs and traditions; or you can have the change to participate in a design workshop like it was last year, either in Romania (Targu Lapus-North), or have it in Vienna, at [Hofmobiliendepot Möbel Museum Wien](https://www.facebook.com/hofmobiliendepot/?hc_ref=ARSvHMSUSgmnFwV_fumEQD2wBGuczKKv1Ik3u7hiBrR39fn_n5K1PvH-xi8fJteQdMk).

##### Our last activity that closes the year is the Christmas party where we celebrate it together with the teachers and sing together the carols, eating and wishing each other Happy Holidays.

##### But wait, there’s more! I can testify with my hand on the heart that Romania is a wonderful country to visit, in every time of the year: Throughout the country you will see castles that will awaken your royalty blood, you will travel on one on the top rated roads, Transfagarasan you will have your breath taken away by our mountains and wild nature, and you can relax at the seaside, listening to the breaking of the waves.

##### Go on this adventure, my dears! Take this opportunity to learn and grow and have one of the best times of your life.