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WELCOME

We proudly to present the fifth issue of our
bulletin. Whose first edition was published in
December 2015. This time, we would like to give
you some news about the International
Relations Office and ESN team. Additionally,
you could find a few opinions of
exchange students about Eskisehir and ESOGU.



ERASMUS+ ORIENTATION MEETING



Students and staff are informed about selection and placement processes for studies and internship, documents they need to fill before and after the mobility, course selections, funding conditions and rules that they have to follow. Afterwards, former Erasmus+ students talked about their experience with the programme. Also, ESN members had a chance to introduce themselves and talk about the activities organised by them.



FARABI ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

Students were given essential information about Farabi exchange programme, documents required along the whole process, selection of courses, funding conditions and general rules of participation.



OSMANGAZI TRAINEESHIP CONSORTIUM FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Osmangazi Traineeship Consortium coordinated by Eskişehir Osmangazi University was held at NG Afyon Hotel. Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University, Necmettin Erbakan University, Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University, Konya Chamber of Industry, Tokat Chamber of Commerce and Industry attended the meeting. The partners discussed the project's efficiency, staff/student selection procedures, budget, etc.

OSMANGAZI TRAINEESHIP CONSORTIUM VISITS BY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE



Our university Institutional Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Mahmut Sami İşlek, within the scope of "Osmangazi Traineeship Consortium" project visited Konya Necmettin Erbakan University, Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University, Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University, Konya Chamber of Industry, Karaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Tokat Chamber of Commerce and Industry between 30 September-13 October 2020 to sign the consortium protocol. The aim of the project named "Osmangazi Traineeship Consortium", which will be carried out under the coordination of our university is to contribute to the international experience of students and academic staff and to examine the best practices in the European institutions. This project with the budget of 76 200 euros was awarded to support 25 students to do traineeship in Europe and 22 academic staff to give lectures and exchange experience abroad.

GREAT SUPPORT TO THE TRAINEESHIP CONSORTIUM PROJECT UNDER THE COORDINATION OF OUR UNIVERSITY

The National Agency of Turkey announced the results of Erasmus+ 2020 application period and our university's project named "Osmangazi Traineeship Consortium" was approved. The aim of this project is to contribute to the international experiences of students and academic staff and give opportunity to examine the examples of good practice in institutions appropriate to their field of expertise. Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University and Karaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry from Karaman city, Konya Necmettin Erbakan University and Konya Chamber of Industry from Konya city and Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University and Tokat Chamber of Commerce and Industry from Tokat city are partners of this project. This project with the budget of 76 200 euros was awarded to support 25 students to do traineeship in Europe and 22 academic staff to give lectures and exchange experience abroad.

VISIT FROM RECTOR PROF. DR. KEMAL ŐENOCAK TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Rector of our university, Prof. Dr. Kemal Őenocak, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Kamil olak and advisors to the Rector Assoc. Dr. Ramazan Erdađ and Assoc. Dr. Umut Ko visited the International Relations Office. Prof. Dr. Afterwards, Kemal Őenocak, Institutional Coordinator of the International Relations Office, information was given by Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İŐlek about the programs and projects carried out by the office.



A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BETWEEN OUR UNIVERSITY AND ESKIŞEHİR WIMBLEDON LANGUAGE ACADEMY

A protocol was signed between our university and Eskişehir Wimbledon Language Academy. The protocol signing ceremony was held by Rector of ESOGU Prof. Dr. Kemal ŞENOCAK, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali ARSLANTAŞ, International Relations Office Institutional Coordinator Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İŞLEK and Eskişehir Wimbledon Language Academy partners Sinan DAĞYAR and Burak KOÇAK in the Rectorate Senate Hall. Within the scope of the protocol, ESOGU students who will go abroad in the framework of Erasmus Program will join English Speaking Club free of charge to improve their foreign language level.



A VISIT FROM THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL AGENCY OF TURKEY İLKER ASTARCI TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

The Head of the National Agency of Turkey Ilker Astarci visited the International Relations Office during his visit to ESOGU in the frame of “National and Global Opportunities” event in September 2019. During his visit, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Arslantaş and Institutional Coordinator Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İşlek discussed current and future projects of ESOGU.



KOCATEPE TRAINEESHIP CONSORTIUM MEETING

Kocatepe Traineeship Higher Education Mobility Consortium protocol was signed by our university, Afyon Kocatepe University, Anadolu University, Kütahya Dumlupınar University, Afyonkarahisar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ATSO) and Eskişehir Chamber of Industry. The rector of our university Prof. Dr. Kemal Şenocak, Rector of Afyon Kocatepe University Prof. Dr. Mehmet Karakaş, Rector of Kütahya Dumlupınar University Prof. Dr. Kazım Uysal, ATSO Board Chairman Hüsnü Serteser, Vice Rector of our University Prof. Dr. Kamil Çolak, Vice Rector of Anadolu University Prof. Dr. Ali Savaş Koparal, Afyon Kocatepe University Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Şuayıp Özdemir, Vice Rector of Kütahya Dumlupınar University Prof. Dr. Hasan Göçmez attended the meeting. After signing the protocol specialists of the projects discussed the project implementation and roles.



A VISIT FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF MEXICO

Mexican Ambassador to Ankara José Luis Martínez y Hernández paid a courtesy visit to Eskişehir Osmangazi University Rectorate. The Ambassador, ESOGÜ vice Rector Prof. Dr. Rifat Edizkan, Rector's Advisors Assoc. Dr. Ramazan Erdağ, Assoc. Dr. Oytun Meçik and International Relations Office Coordinator Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İşlek attended the meeting. In the meeting held in the Rectorate Senate Hall, the Mexican Culture and Trade Attachés accompanied by Ambassador Hernández and the ESOGU International Relations Team also took part. International Relations Office Coordinator Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İşlek shared the current situation in the cooperation between ESOGÜ and Mexican higher education institutions and stated that they are working on improvement of the relations.

He gave information about the "International Staff Week" planned to be held at ESOGÜ and invited Mexican Universities to the event. Stating that the cooperation between the universities of the two countries should be strengthened, Ambassador Hernandez underlined that cooperation can take place in three main areas: research, education and culture, arts activities. Ambassador Hernandez emphasized that they attach special importance to joint cultural activities and that not only students but also university staff and artists should be included in the inter-university mobility programs.



COLLABORATION WITH GHANA

The Institutional Coordinator of Eskişehir Osmangazi University International Relations Office Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İşlek visited Republic of Ghana. He had a meeting with the Ghana Ambassador Özlem Gülsün Ergün Ulueren where they discussed cooperation possibilities with the universities of Ghana. The Ambassador emphasized the importance of cooperation with universities in technical areas. During his visit to Maarif Foundation Turkey, a representative of the foundation Riza Feridun shared general information about Ghana.

During his visit to Ghana, Asst. Prof. Mahmut Sami İşlek held meetings with the University of Ghana, Cape Coast University and the Ghana Institute of Business and Public Administration. Both parts discussed Erasmus KA107 project applications and Memorandum of Understanding.



MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TIRANA

Eskisehir Osmangazi University (ESOGÜ), International Relations Office Institutional Coordinator Dr. Mahmut Sami İşlek paid a visit to New York University of Tirana (UNYT) in Albania on 27-28 October 2020. During this visit, it was decided to initiate a cooperation in Erasmus KA107 project, which is the European Commission's program that allows mobility with partner countries. In case of realization of the project, it was planned to exchange students and staff between both institutions within the designated departments. Information on the competencies and possibilities of the host institution was obtained from Xhoi Rami, the head of UNYT International Relations Office and the ways and methods to be followed in the upcoming student and staff mobility were reviewed.



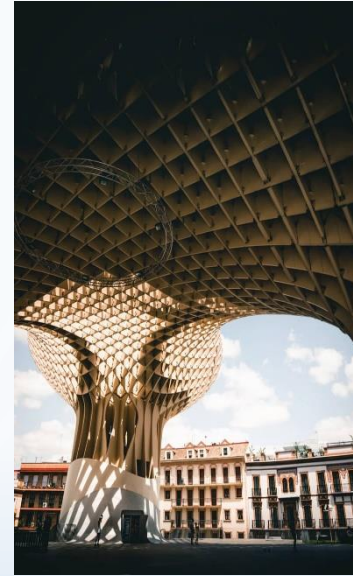
KA107 PROJECT

Our university received a 190.000 euros grant from the National Agency of Turkey within the scope of the KA107 International Credit Mobility program which enables student/staff mobility with countries other than those in the EU. This project includes mobility with the University of Bihac from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cape Coast University and Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration from Ghana, Ivane Javakhisvili Tbilisi State University and Ilia State University from Georgia, University of Prishtina from Kosovo, University of Technology from Mauritius, The State of Zanzibar from Tanzania, Zhytomyr State Technological University and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv from Ukraine and finally Yarmouk University from Jordan within the departments of Economics, Business Administration, Agriculture, International Relations, Turkish Language and Literature, Tourism, Mechanical, and Mining Engineering and Theology.

SELAHATTİN BAHAR, ESGU, RECTORATE

Administrative Staff mobility was one of the biggest opportunities to me. I found myself discovering a very rich architectural streets during the best and hottest of days. I have had the opportunity to relish various andalucian cuisine. It was a big treat to myself. I enjoyed Flamenco andalucia in the areas of sevilla which is an art based local music traditions.

Universidad de sevilla's erasmus coordinator hosted me admirably on the first day and helped me visit the several departments on the next day. He was courteous enough to take me on a city tour, where we visited historical museums, plaza de espana simply the most beautiful gardens. The great thing is that everything is included; transportation, the guide and the mosque cathedral of cordoba entrance ticket. Well, I made a lot of local friends. They were invited to visit my country turkey and we had a great time there. It was a wonderful time and a great experience to cherish for life. I Express my sincere gratitude to all the people who gave me this opportunity.



YAVUZ UĞUR

The people of Turkey for European Union countries, Croatia is the latest member of the not at all foreign to me Croatia. When I arrived at Zagreb airport, I had no communication problems, even though I was using hearing aids. Almost everyone I meet speaks English in some way, and I reached the place where I will stay by writing from the airport to the place of residence with the help of a pen and paper in my hand. We got along very well with the owner of the apartment even when we were settling in the 1 + 1 apartment that I had booked before.





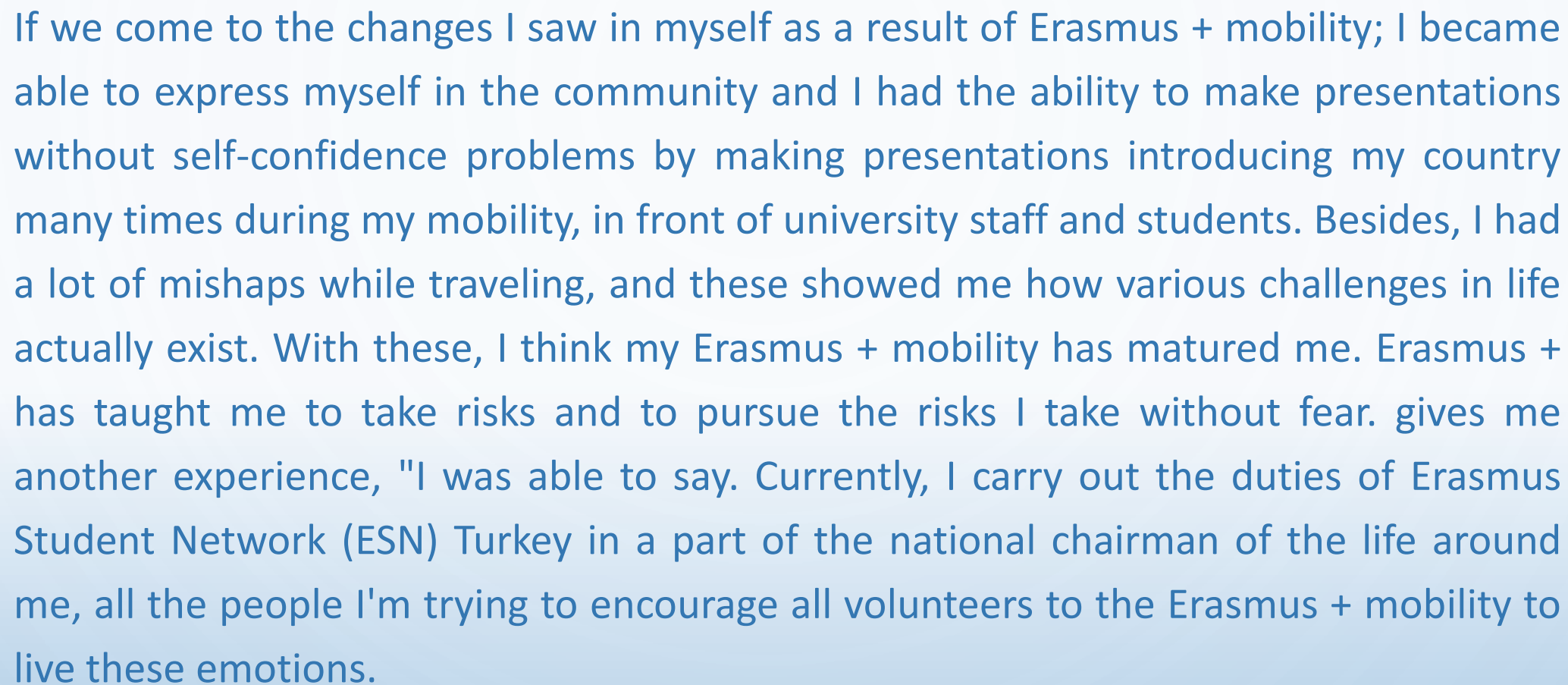
It did not take me long to relieve the stress of me with the comfort of being able to understand each other. It was not so easy for me to find out where the university where I will study the next morning, because when I asked the first person I encountered where the university was, it was a nice feeling that he took me to the university as soon as possible. When I reached the university, the warm smiles of the staff there gave the feeling that you were not in a foreign place. Visiting the university in this comfort left me positive emotions. In my spare time, it was a pleasure that I discovered and visited the city center of Zagreb myself. I would like to express my endless thanks to our professor Madina and Mrs.



MUHAMMED AYBERK YAVUZ

I was a child who grew up with the passion of traveling all the time since I was a child and because I couldn't fit in the rough I was in. First, I had the chance to stay in Naples for 2 weeks by participating in the Erasmus + project (then called Comenius) in high school. I realized that there were thousands of places to explore. Then this adventure was followed by small trips in Europe and then Erasmus + Learning mobility in Romania. I stayed in Romania for 9 months in the 2017/2018 academic year. I went to visit the city. In the second half of my Erasmus adventure, I tried to make a Balkan tour with the least expense by setting a goal for myself. As a result, I traveled 13 countries and colored the Balkan map.

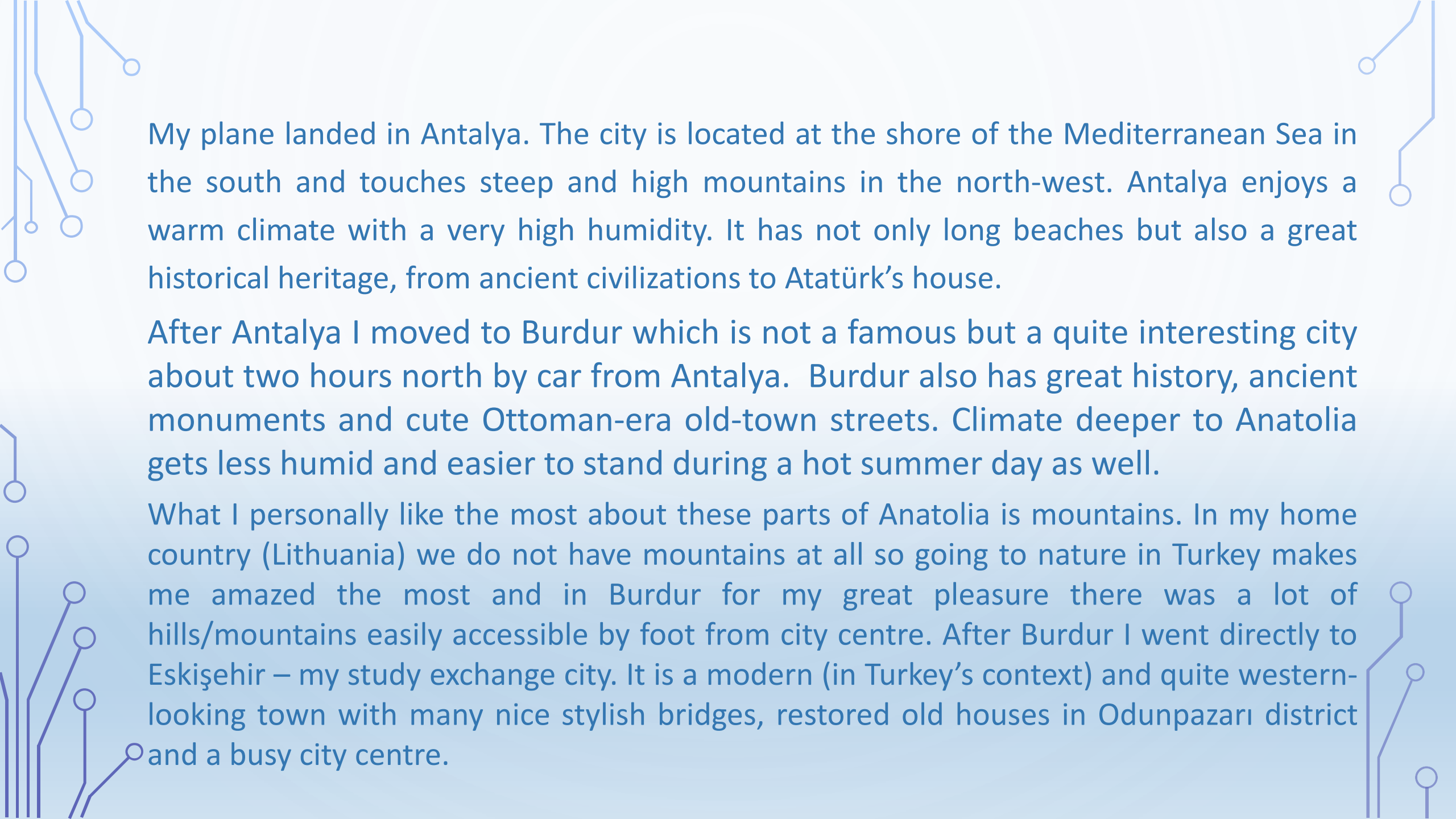




If we come to the changes I saw in myself as a result of Erasmus + mobility; I became able to express myself in the community and I had the ability to make presentations without self-confidence problems by making presentations introducing my country many times during my mobility, in front of university staff and students. Besides, I had a lot of mishaps while traveling, and these showed me how various challenges in life actually exist. With these, I think my Erasmus + mobility has matured me. Erasmus + has taught me to take risks and to pursue the risks I take without fear. gives me another experience, "I was able to say. Currently, I carry out the duties of Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Turkey in a part of the national chairman of the life around me, all the people I'm trying to encourage all volunteers to the Erasmus + mobility to live these emotions.

MATAS'S EXPERIENCE

Honestly, Turkey has one of the best geographical locations in the world. It is a big country laying on soil of two continents, Europe and Asia. It is long and wide: from Greece to Iran, from Black Sea to the Mediterranean. This unique place provides an amazing climate and natural landscapes: warm south and west of the country has great beaches for summer, inner Anatolia and the east has fascinating hills and mountains. Another splendid part of Turkey is fruit selection: almost everything grows here! I tried fresh figs, prickly pears and many more different fruits and vegetables, many of them I didn't even know the name. One more thing which makes me happy while being here is a rich history of these lands with amazing ancient buildings and monuments still standing and showing us the greatness of the old empires of our world. I am lucky that even during the Covid-19 pandemic, since I came to Turkey as an Erasmus exchange student in July 2020. I had an opportunity to see how big, different and interesting this country is even though I actually saw such a small part of it.



My plane landed in Antalya. The city is located at the shore of the Mediterranean Sea in the south and touches steep and high mountains in the north-west. Antalya enjoys a warm climate with a very high humidity. It has not only long beaches but also a great historical heritage, from ancient civilizations to Atatürk's house.

After Antalya I moved to Burdur which is not a famous but a quite interesting city about two hours north by car from Antalya. Burdur also has great history, ancient monuments and cute Ottoman-era old-town streets. Climate deeper to Anatolia gets less humid and easier to stand during a hot summer day as well.

What I personally like the most about these parts of Anatolia is mountains. In my home country (Lithuania) we do not have mountains at all so going to nature in Turkey makes me amazed the most and in Burdur for my great pleasure there was a lot of hills/mountains easily accessible by foot from city centre. After Burdur I went directly to Eskişehir – my study exchange city. It is a modern (in Turkey's context) and quite western-looking town with many nice stylish bridges, restored old houses in Odunpazarı district and a busy city centre.

By now (it is my second time in Turkey) I have visited several places mostly in the western part of the country and I believe I will be able to see the more remote provinces later too.

Turkey is a different country: different from my own country and different inside itself, province to province, from sunny beaches to white-topped mountains. It is interesting to be here and see all the splendid natural and historical treasures this country has.

Matas Mišeikis

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