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My journey with Erasmus began when I decided I wanted more than just classroom learning - I wanted to challenge myself, step out of the familiar, and truly experience life from a global perspective. I have always been curious about different cultures, languages, and lifestyles. Therefore, my motivation came not only from a desire for academic growth but also from a desire for personal development. I knew that Erasmus+ would provide me with a unique opportunity to learn from people with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, enriching my understanding of the world.

Of course, Erasmus did not disappoint. It gave me better experiences, memories, and relationships than I could have imagined.

Being in a culturally diverse environment where everyone came from different backgrounds allowed me to see the world on a much larger scale. Whether attending classes, participating in ESN activities, or living in a dorm with students from around the globe, each interaction was an opportunity to learn something new. I met people from Greece, Spain, Turkey, Germany, Italy, America, Mexico, and Vietnam. Despite differences in languages, cultures, and backgrounds, we all shared common experiences - trying to find our way in a new country without the support we had at home. Although our adventures were unique, the emotions, excitement, and uncertainty we faced proved to be universal. It was in these shared moments that I began to feel a sense of belonging to a larger, international community, and this connection fundamentally changed how I saw myself in the world. I no longer felt tied solely to my home country; instead, I saw myself as part of a broader, interconnected global network.

In addition to personal growth, the practical knowledge I gained at the university is also worth noting. During the semester, I had the opportunity to work with several companies, conduct research, solve problems within the companies, and prepare a report at the end of the semester.

I am extremely grateful to my university for this unique opportunity, proud of myself for achieving the goal I set, and, of course, thankful to my host university - Inholland University - and to the Netherlands, which already feels like a second home, for all the gezellige moments I experienced during these five months!