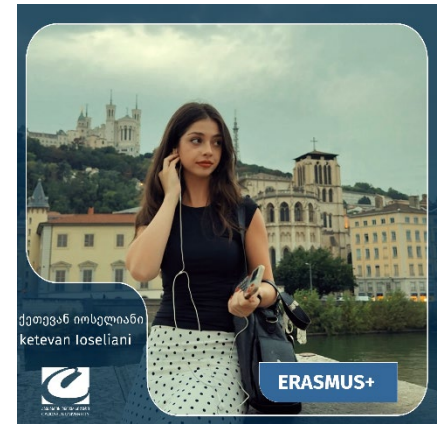


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In the spring semester of 2025, as a student of Caucasus University, I had the opportunity to continue my studies through the Erasmus exchange program at the University of Coimbra. This experience profoundly transformed both my academic and personal life.

The time I spent in Coimbra taught me many things, foremost among them independence and the ability to solve problems efficiently. Additionally, navigating a different academic system and adapting to new learning methods helped me develop a strong capacity for quick adaptation.

I must admit that leaving my country was emotionally challenging, given the ongoing political situation, yet it was a strategically important. This period, more than ever, reinforced my belief in the necessity of European education and values. Different countries, diverse cultures, and languages, but one program, one city, one university, which strengthened my conviction that unity lies in diversity.

Although I encountered many challenges along the way, the most difficult of all were the final days, those days when I had to bid farewell to everything. Before departing, I stood on the banks of the Mondego, observing once more the historic buildings and students in capes (traje académico), gradually realizing that I was leaving not just a city, but a place that had become an inseparable part of my identity.

Time passes, yet I believe every person, every street, and every moment will remain in my memory forever.