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"As part of the Erasmus+ exchange program, I spent the 2024 spring semester in Vilnius, Lithuania, at SMK College of Applied Sciences. These 6 months of living abroad have remained one of my best memories in the background of interesting academic experiences and international cultural diversity.

Among the list of Lithuania's higher education private institutions, SMK is the largest university with its modern academic practices. From the initial orientation days, the very first memorable thing was the university's distinctive, colorful interior and the high-tech, comfortable environment with its friendly academic personnel. Throughout the program, I worked on real-life marketing projects alongside multicultural groups and participated in both formal & informal events initiated by the host university.

Aside from the academic adventures, I think the main purpose of this experience heavily relied on socialization and cross-cultural communication since my day-to-day life was mostly about interactions with my international friends (or traveling). I'm happy to mention that our friendship has continued up to this day and hopefully, it'll always stick around on a global scale.

Exchange programs present unique opportunities for self-realization and actualization reasonings. While there are some challenges ongoing across the whole process, ultimately, they are also a constitutive part of the overall big image that you'll definitely appreciate once coming back."