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„No one will be surprised if I say that I have thought and dreamed of going abroad on an exchange program many times. I even tried to prepare for it several times, but due to the schedule, I could never give it a systematic character.

When I was in my third year, my lecturer advised me to try and take risks with the motivation given by her and I decided to solve all the processes in the shortest possible time. The risk paid off.

While living abroad, I was able to get the greatest experience of every detail. Getting acquainted with the lifestyle of young people in the central and eastern countries of Europe - what they value, what problems they have and how involved they are in their daily life - it gives you a way to compare it with Georgian.

During 5 months, you have to overcome many difficulties alone, because you realize that you can only rely on yourself there, and without the instinct of self-preservation, you will find such strength in yourself that you could not even imagine its existence. Perhaps the main charm of Erasmus is in this - it eliminates the limit of existing possibilities and completely removes new horizons, allows you to be born again. After this experience, you begin to reevaluate everything and perceive it differently, to appreciate happy moments more intensely, to collect adventures, funny stories while traveling to different countries, to appreciate friends acquired in the shortest possible time and to share everything.

In general, I think that with the exchange program it is possible to gain so much experience and knowledge, it is impossible not to use it for your country and not to start appreciating it twice. After this program, I can confidently say that Georgia is an organic part of Europe and the European Union.”