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THE WARMTH OF HOME IN ONE OF THE COLDEST COUNTRIES



My name is Angeles Daily Lozano Angeles; I am from Mexico. Before I chose the country for my Exchange studies, I had something different in mind, so I decided to come to Czech Republic, and I am glad I made the right decision to choose Czech Republic, this country has filled me with a lot of new experiences. In spite of being my second time studying abroad, when I always leave my comfort zone, it was a challenge at the beginning, even I was afraid with the thoughts of waking up in a place with so many kilometres from my country, which was different than what I was used to. However, all I needed was few weeks to adapt and start to enjoy the beautiful city Hradec Králové, that now, I can call my second home.

The student exchange study does not only mean to migrate. An exchange study carries with it endless number of sensations, experiences, dreams, fears, surprises. And it is precisely on this journey that I affirm that when you have your priorities well set, there will be no limits preventing you to meet your goals. Personally, I thank University of Hradec Králové for the opportunity given to me to study abroad.

My exchange study allowed me to reaffirm and improve my knowledge in the English language, including learning German and at the same time developing in a globalized environment such as Europe. I put into practice the term cultural sensitivity, I learnt the methods of teaching and evaluation of a member country of the European Union, I learnt to be self-taught, to break away from stereotypes and today I can talk about things not only read in books but also living and feeling it.

This stay was for me, the biggest impact on the personal, it was an experience of love to know and to live. And it motivates me to continue to undertake projects.

In general, the Faculty of Philosophy was very cosy with foreign students, the most wonderful part was that, multiculturalism is being promoted by organizing cultural events. I thank my coordinator Martina Eliasova because since the beginning, she was in touch with me, she sent me helpful information to make my stay better, it sounds ironic but even of being at temperatures of -15° the kindness and friendship of the people I met filled me with warmth.

Finally, I can say that there is no more incredible feeling to look around and understand that a language has taken you until this place where you are, that you have made friends with people of other nationalities, that your memory should record all those emotions and memories, those wonderful sights, and the personal pride of taking great memories back home.

