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Erasmus+ story

From Portugal

21 years old

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My experience in Hradec Kralové was a really pleasant one, but I feel like I own that in big part to the ESN. They were always there, from making our arrival easier to organizing events for us (Erasmus students) to know each other and all the good places/activities you can do in Hradec.

All the work to integrate us, done by ESN, and by the Philosophical Faculty in the beginning, was extremely important.

I feel like telling my Erasmus story without also telling the bad parts doesn't make sense. Everyone has the right to know that, at least as a Portuguese student, you have to be financially comfortable (a lot), for the experience not to be a stressful one, because our country (at least my university) doesn't offer enough financial support for it not to be very expensive.

Also, the UHK residence doesn't make it easy, they ask us to do the payment of all the semester as soon as we arrive, which is extremely difficult because it is giving a big amount of money in a short period of time.

I feel like I was constantly financially stressed when in Erasmus, which is horrible because the inflation was always growing and especially the price of food was rising.

The Czech Republic it's beautiful, but their population as a big difficulty with English foreigners, most people above 30 years old can't understand English at all and I found them being rude because of it, me not understanding them always made things like travelling or just enjoying normal services really uncomfortable experiences.

Nevertheless, I was able to enjoy some good moments in UHK. It is a faculty with a really good quality of teaching and good facilities. The professors are extremely qualified in their field and I always found myself being respected and my problems being taken in consideration by them, which made the student experience great.

I had the opportunity to find really good friends (also from Erasmus) that I hold in my heart and also to learn a ton of things about their culture, and that was a fulfilling experience for me.

I should also mention that the Erasmus environment was great to develop my English and become almost fluent and comfortable with the language.



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