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E+: General information about the Host University, the organization of the academic year, the offer for students coming under the Erasmus+ Program and is it possible to "receive" Buddy?

K: The first semester starts in October and the second one at the end of February. The University organizes an Italian language course for students. A definite advantage of the classes is placing all lectures on the Google platform - this makes it easier to understand the language and study for exams. Various meetings are organized for Erasmus people, e.g. city tour, joint trip to Bologna and Naples, karaoke night, etc. There is the possibility of getting a Buddy, but I preferred to talk directly with the people from ESN in Ferrara, they are very helpful. Before departure, an organizational meeting is organized, during which people from the University explain how the University operates and all formalities related to grades, exams, places of classes (for the medical faculty they are in the newly established hospital).



E+: Language in which classes were conducted?

K: Lectures were conducted in Italian. In the hospital you could ask someone to translate into English. Everyone is happy to help.

E+: In the case of classes conducted in the national language, was it possible to take exams in English?

K: Yes, I took all exams orally in English.



E+: During the application process, did the University ask for a language certificate confirming the knowledge of the language of instruction? If so, what level was required?

K: No. The University organizes an Italian language course for students.



E+: Curriculum (were there major curricular differences? Did the syllabus more or less overlap with that in SUM? Was it difficult to match the subjects and create a Learning Agreement?):

K: There were no major programmatic differences in terms of theory. It is worth remembering that in Italy there are almost no practical classes, so I made an appointment for a given ward individually.



E+: Accommodation (does the Host University have dormitories? If so, how far were they from the places where the classes were conducted? Was it difficult to get a place in the dorm?):

K: There are no dormitories. You have to look for an apartment on your own, and I recommend that you do it well in advance.

E+: How was public transport like?

***K:** First of all, the bike! Ferrara is called the city of bicycles, this is definitely the best. Of course, there are buses - this is how I recommend traveling to the hospital. Ferrara is also well connected by rail with other cities (e.g. Venice, Bologna).*



E+: Wyżywienie (czy była stołówka dla studentów? Obowiązywały zniżki na posiłki?):

***K:** There is a canteen. The hospital also has fresh pizza straight from the oven 😊 Besides, it's Italy, so you don't have to worry about the availability of delicious food.*



E+: Difficulties encountered and tips on how to deal with them:

***K:** Mainly in terms of housing. The university does not provide it, and housing is very scarce. In order to find them, I recommend groups on FB. Another problem is the language. You have to negotiate individually when it comes to the possibility of taking the exam in English.*



E+: Useful information/contacts to help organize mobility?

K: <https://pl-pl.facebook.com/ESNFerrara/>



E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :

K: Here you can write and write. Ferrara is a beautiful, historic city located in the north of Italy and is an ideal base for exploring. Nearby points include Venice, Bologna, the Dolomites, Padua, Verona, Lake Garda, Milan, Florence and San Marino. The sea is about an hour by car (beaches near Rimini).



E+: Overall mobility experience and advantages of participating in the Erasmus+ Programme:

K: I recommend it with all my heart! Italy is a great destination for people who like to explore and eat well. The organization of the academic year is very good, there is even some time for travelling. Everyone was very nice and I met a lot of people from all over the world with whom I still keep in contact.



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