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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?

M: It takes a lot of effort to complete all the formalities and to get used to the Italian pace ;) With the help of the Polish Erasmus+ Office, I managed to successfully complete the mobility.

Each person willing to do so got their own Buddy, but this is not an initiative of the university, but of the student organisation ESN.



E+: Language in which classes were conducted?

M: Italian.

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

M: Yes, by individual arrangement with the lecturers.

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?

M: No.



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?):

M: My Learning Agreement changed significantly when I arrived to Bari. This was due to the fact that not all courses took place in a given semester (the website showed an outdated study plan). For this reason, I took some of my courses in Poland.



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?):

M: The university does not have dormitories. You have to look for accommodation yourself, preferably in the city centre or the Policlinico di Bari (for medical and dentistry faculties). Finding accommodation is not easy and it is worth taking an interest much earlier. You can use Facebook groups or, even better, contact a Polish person who has done an Erasmus in Bari and take over the flat after him / her.

E+: How was public transport like?

M: Within Bari, it is best to get around on foot. Train connections to other cities are best.



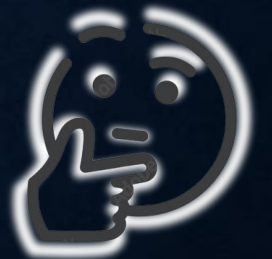
E+: Food (was there a canteen for students? Discounts on meals?):

M: There was no canteen for students. However, at every step you can find very good food, which is not expensive at all. I particularly recommend the „focaccia”.



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

M: It is worth taking care of the documentation from the very beginning and not leaving everything to the last moment.



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

M: Contact with students from the university in Bari or with people who have previously done Erasmus there - useful especially when it comes to university matters. Facebook and WhatsApp groups - opportunities to make new friends and hang out.



E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :

M: I recommend visiting the towns of Polignano a Mare, Monopoli, Trani, Molfetta, Matera, Lecce, Ostuni, Locorotondo, Alberobello. Matera is my favourite, worth seeing by day and night.

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

M: The trip was an unforgettable experience. I would definitely recommend it!

