



# MY ERASMUS+ EXPERIENCE (BRUSSELS, MARCH 2019)

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*In March 2019, together with three other students from my school (III Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Unii Lubelskiej in Lublin, Poland) I took part in Erasmus+ project, which was definitely a life changing experience for me.*

*When I came back my social studies teacher asked me if I could share my experience with other students, of course I was more than happy to do that and said yes. Here is a short summary of most essential things I was talking about.*





## WHAT SURPRISED ME MOST ABOUT THE EP WAS...

*The thing that surprised me most was how many Polish people I met there, let alone our school graduates. We met three of them. They were all on internship there and told us how much they enjoyed their time in the EP and how many possibilities it gives. It was very important to me because I could picture myself working in such a place, especially that I am in class with an extended social studies curriculum. It was also a good social studies lesson because when you are in class and you learn about the EP it is mainly theory so it is not as educational as when you go there yourself and see how it really works in practice.*

*The interns told us also how to apply for scholarships and grants offered by the EP. To be honest I wasn't aware of how many options I have to choose from in the future. I think it would be great to live and work in Brussels one day.*

## WHAT I LIKED MOST ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WAS...

*The visit to our local MEP Mr Krzysztof Hetman's office is something that I liked most. Mr Hetman focused mainly on showing us everyday life in the EP. He gave us a very interesting 'tour' round EP, I was really surprised that you can find there basically everything, including a hairdresser salon, shops and a canteen with different kinds of cuisines etc. Mr Hetman also explained to us what his everyday duties are or how little time MEPs have to deliver a speech during a debate. He also showed us an interpreter's booth.*



## WHAT I REMEMBER BEST ABOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION...

*I remember how proud I was to meet Carlos Moedas, the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Incumbent. He was talking about how Comenius program changed his life when he was a student, how it encouraged him to study abroad, to try new things and how it finally led him to the EC.*