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As the famous philosopher Imam Ali once said, «Education is better than money as you protect the money but education protects you». In my opinion these words perfectly express the idea that people should constantly be in search of new sources of knowledge and experience that will expand and enrich one's consciousness. As a student and a young scientist, I always look for ways to widen my academic and scientific horizons and improve both professional and social skills. The Erasmus+ program provides an excellent opportunity to get the experience of studying at a European university as well as to get acquainted with culture and traditions of another country. And it is my pleasure to tell you my story, but first let me introduce my home country.

I am a student of al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan is the a leader in tech development in Central Asia, but it has still a lot to learn from Europe. That's why our country pays much attention to the training of young specialists and the international exchange of experience and knowledge. Being a student of the largest and oldest university in Kazakhstan, I always felt the relevance and importance of my specialty, Automation and Control, because today's world of information technologies is developing so rapidly that every day we see how many processes become automated and require appropriate specialists. And with little to no doubt, quality education and international cooperation are imperative for creating future progress.

Thanks to cooperation between two universities and the Erasmus+ program, I was honored to become a student of the University of Split in Croatia for one semester and it was unforgettable and wonderful time.

To begin with, for me, as an international student, it was really interesting to study within European educational system and to learn something new about the area I chose many years ago. During my studying I was able to deepen my knowledge of software engineering and technical measurements, get acquainted with a new programming language and learn basics of artificial intelligence. I also improved my English skills and started learning German. In addition, participation in the program allowed me not only to gain experience of studying abroad, but also to enrich my knowledge about various cultures and nations. I strongly believe that obtaining such invaluable experience helps to become a global citizen and paves friendly bridges between different nations and countries.



University of Split where I spent this semester is one of the best in Croatia, and it shows in everything: highly qualified professors, modern equipment, well-developed scheduling system, beautiful rooms and an amazing geographical location - it is difficult to imagine a more favorable atmosphere. I would like to separately mention the friendliness and courtesy of University professors and their willingness to help in any cases. I also want to thank all the mentors of the University and their advertence on all issues related to documentation. As the local people say "Croatia is full of life," and this is absolutely true. Wherever you go you will always find fairytale nature, feel a wonderful spirit of history and meet friendly residents. Participation in the exchange program has become an invaluable experience for me and I really hope that our countries will keep this kind cooperation further in the future

