Erasmus Report

Participating on Erasmus in the Athens University of Economics and Business was a great experience for me, and I feel like I have developed myself both professionally and personally.

This report however will be more about the personal side, and how moving to a completely different country and getting out of your comfort zone this way allows you to have amazing experiences you never thought you would have so early in your life, and get to know awesome people who will be your lifelong friends after, since you’ve shared this crazy experience for 5 months.

Immediately on our first week of introduction, the local ESN of AUEB took us for the Mykonos trip, which was about getting to know each other as well as this amazing island.

After returning to Athens, we had some time to discover this incredible city. It is beautiful but a bit chaotic at the same time. The buddy program of ESN AUEB allowed us to have one local university student connect with us, help and show us around in case we needed that.

Around Athens, there are a lot of smaller islands that are easily accessible by the ferries. During our first month, we have chosen Agistri. It was special for us, because there are no/very few tourists visiting this island, and it has extremely beautiful beaches with the clearest water you have ever seen.
During the semester we have also decided, that Delphi is a destination that you cannot miss seeing when you are in Greece. So with my roommates we have decided to purchase some bus tickets and go see the archeological site and the beautiful landscape surrounding it.

The next trip that ESN AUEB organized for us, took us to the monasteries of Meteora, which is also a place not worth missing, since it is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. ESN rented some buses for us to get there, but normally if you are planning an individual trip, it should be easier to go by train from Athens.

The last place we decided to visit during this 4 months, was the island of Santorini. With a Ryanair flight, it is very cheap to fly from Athens to Santorini. We were there in December, so basically almost everything was closed, but this is the best time to do the walking path from one main town to the other (from Fira to Oia). The scenery is probably unlike anything you’ve ever seen before.
Besides the amazing places you’ll get to discover, the most important thing you’ll take away is the people you meet and friends you make along the way. It is truly special for me to say that some of my best friends now are from France, Ireland, Germany, Belgium and Morocco. The things you do and experiences you have with these people will be the most memorable part of your journey. And the hardest part of your Erasmus experience will be when you have to leave all of them behind.