

My period of preparations prior to coming to Portugal left my mind occupied with thoughts of how to spend my year here. I did not know how my year would go: sad, exciting, wonderful or all. I came, I saw, I experienced, and now I can boast that I have learned and known more about Portugal than I could expect, its culture, general lifestyle, beautiful places.

The first thing that caught my attention and interest upon arrival was the loving nature of the people. Everyone I met, though we did not know one another, smiled brightly, which relieved me of the tension and fear of being in a strange land. I have spent my whole mobility academic year over here learning and having fun with the others at the same time. I would love to stay more and that is because of the warmth with which you welcomed me and how you opened yourselves to me, which is unforgettable.

Now it is time for me to say goodbye to the community I have adjusted well into and have grown to love unconditionally - to say goodbye to my loving and dear divorce family of teachers, students and other people, who took place in my life during this really unforgettable Erasmus year, my most cherished friends, my university, my residence and all that I hold so dear in my heart.

If I had a chance I would like to say a special thanks to every one of you for hosting me. But this is a thank you letter for the best coordinator ever. I highly appreciate the support, advice and just the friendly relationships I have enjoyed over the year.

I would come back to Portugal one day and I will visit Tomar again sometime.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you and I sincerely hope to meet again in life.

I am proud that I was an exchange student in IPT. I wish every one of you the best of luck in life and it is my fervent hope that we meet again someday.
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