To say that ERASMUS exchange semester is a life-changing experience is to say nothing. During 4.5 months spent at KU Leuven, Belgium right in the heart in the Europe, I was presented with an opportunity to study subjects that I could not reach at my home university. Established back in 1425 KU Leuven was ranked 77th overall by QS World University Ranking in year 2013, whereas KU Leuven Law school currently ranks 25th in the world.

During my ERASMUS semester not only did I get to know great people from all around the globe, but also managed to travel to France, the Netherland and Luxembourg due to the geographically advantageous location of my host country. It goes without saying, that together with the new friends and colleagues we also travelled throughout Belgium, enjoying the cultural and historical heritage and participated in various social events.

Before heading for Erasmus, I already had participated in various international projects that basically persuaded me to make this step and widen my personal and professional horizons.

Frankly, since the very first day in purely student city Leuven spent at the Orientations Days, I knew I made the only right decision and that there I will be able to learn and develop for my further professional career, also learn a lot academically wise.

Faculty of Law of KU Leuven is truly has a truly international and diverse environment, gathering students from all around the world, and offering more than 50 Law courses taught in English, ranging from Transport Law to Juvenile Justice and Youth Criminology. To illustrate the situation, within the framework of Constitutional Law of the European Union course, there was a study visit organized to the CJEU in Luxembourg, with day long informative lectures, hearing and tours in the Court.

Apart from 41 000 students in Leuven, from which at least 5 000 are international ones, Leuven and Belgium as such is indeed stimulating environment to pick up new and perfect already learned languages. Hence, during my stay I also took up a French class, which I did honestly enjoy and continue to engage in learning it also after my return.

Notably, I also feel that my English comprehension level has improved, even though I did study in English back at my home university.

Besides the evident academic advantages and opportunities KU Leuven offered, there also exists simply enormous choice of extra curriculum activities such as various sports, debating club, KU Model of United Nations, Moot Court, student associations, orchestra and many more, giving anyone willing to engage an opportunity develop and meet new people.

One could definitely say that Erasmus is by all means overwhelming, often unsettling and eyes-opening experience and I would definitely advise everyone to give it a go, as there is simply no better way to
understand other cultures and world as such unless you are ready to expose yourself to new experiences and manage to constantly adapt yourself. I am absolutely sure that I will keep this memorable and enriching experience forever, and strongly advise anyone to go for a life-changing time full of travelling and encounters with new, interesting people. Once an Erasmus, always an Erasmus.