

1. Where are you from and what do you study at home?

I'm an Italian citizen and I live in Naples, a city in the south of Italy with about 1 million of people. I study Environmental and Protection Engineering (second degree) at University of Naples Federico II.

2. Why did you choose Slovenia as your exchange country?

As you well know, Erasmus project allows you to choose among some European Countries, and although Slovenia is near Italy, it was an unknown Country for me and coming here was a good opportunity to know a new culture; moreover, Environmental Protection College of Velenje is very suited to my course of study.

3. What do you think of Velenje/Slovenija?

Velenje is a well-organized small city. Maybe it is not a typical Erasmus city but it has a lot of beautiful places, like the lakes or the castle and I was lucky to live in Mladinski Hotel where I met a lot of people that now I can consider as my friends. As regard Slovenia, besides Velenje, I visited Maribor and Ljubljana that are the two biggest cities of the Country. They are so nice, full of art and nightlife. Ljubljana attracted my attention since first time I saw it and I recommend everyone to visit it, specially during Christmas Holiday, when the city is immersed in thousands of bright lights and you breathe a magical atmosphere.

4. Are you satisfied with the way your practical training is going?

Organized by my mentor, Nataša Kovačić, who now I would like to thank very much, this work allowed me to get remarkable knowledges in environmental fields and I hope our collaboration was productive for you too.

I would like to use this interview to thank Andreja Mevc, the coordinator of Erasmus exchange project, and all of you, whose kindness made me feel at home.

If you allow me, I would thank especially all the friends I was lucky to meet here.

I will never forget them.

Thanks very much, Velenje.

I will be waiting for you in Naples!

Giuseppe Manzo

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