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Dear exchange student!

We kindly please you to fill in the questionnaire and send it back to us by email as soon as possible.

We post your answers in our website to promote student exchange mobility, if you agree. If you don't agree please let us know!

**Thank you very much in advance!**

**1. Where do you come from and what do you study back home?**

I come from Madrid and I am an Environmental Engineering student back there in my university, Rey Juan Carlos University, placed in Móstoles a city near Madrid.

**2. Why did you choose Slovenia as your exchange country and why did you choose Environmental Protection College (EPC) as your exchange higher education institution?**

To be honest, I did not hear about the EPC until I started to elaborate my Learning Agreement. I chose Slovenia because I only had three possible exchange destinations as I was on the last year of the degree and not all the potential Erasmus destinations for my degree were suitable with the subjects I needed to study. So, the options I had were; Slovenia, Norway and Finland. I wanted to live in a capital during my Erasmus as usually living there provide more activities to do. But in none of my three options I would have lived in a capital. Finally, I chose Slovenia because I heard very good things about it from a student colleague that came to Velenje two years ago and I found the country more and more interesting as I started looking for information about it.

**3. What do you think of Velenje/Slovenija?**

I think that Slovenia is an amazingly beautiful country in which nature hardly covers everything and compared to Spain that is one of the things that most surprised me for good. And it is a small country so you can see almost the whole of it with some one-day trips. Moreover life in Velenje is very calm and as it is the fifth city in Slovenia it has everything you need, a mall to go shopping, the big park with the lagoons to exercise or relax, gyms, a library, big grocery shop, etc. In addition, everyone is really nice with foreign people and the whole country is really safe which is really important too.

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**4. What do you think of your host institution – Environmental Protection College (EPC)?**

The EPC is a small institution and I think this makes it a very welcoming place to study, in which everyone knows each other and it has very friendly environment.

**5. Are you satisfied with the way your study at the EPC is going?**

Yes, I am satisfied because the most important goals of my Erasmus are being accomplished; I am learning interesting stuff about my degree and I am improving my English too. I think that the worst part is that the regular lessons are imparted in Slovenian and that does not allow you to get completely integrated with the students of the EPC as I needed to go to the university sporadically and in almost every case were to meet on an interview with the particular teacher.

**6. What are your main professional interests in and how do you see your future career?**

I find very interesting the treatment of the solid waste as nowadays the investigation on methods for reusing or recycling them is on rise and a great amount of new possibilities or processes are being created in order to avoid their wasting. As wasting them is a loss of possible sources of every kind and one of the main causes of the global pollution (their production and their final disposal). So, I see myself working on the research of alternatives to the solid waste.

