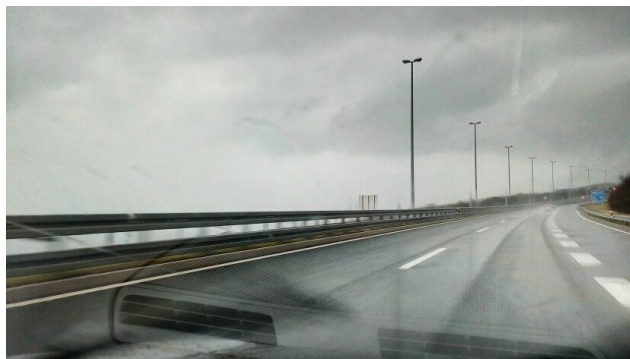


Erasmus Traineeship Report

I am glad to share my experience of Erasmus Traineeship stay which I got during the three months (February-May 2016) at Rijeka, Croatia. As a Ph.D. student at Faculty of Organisation Studies at Novo mesto, Slovenia, I spent a lovely time at the CLER, Centar za lokalni ekonomski razvoj (Center for local and economic development), situated at coastal city Rijeka.

During my previous study experience and motivation to „do a science“ in Slovenia, I met my desires at Faculty of Organisation Studies and arranged my traineeship at Rijeka. As part of my research interests, I used the opportunity to gain the practical experience at Center for local and economic development. At the time of my traineeship planning, I had conducted a research about the regional development and a provision of public goods at the local level in Slovakia. Consequently, I wanted to continue the project and applied the regional development to participation at the local level as a political consequence of the European politics. Therefore, I agreed on the traineeship project under the supervision of the director of CLER, assoc. prof. dr. sc. Saša Drezgić, called as European context of the local and regional development. The research plan was aimed to analyze the regional policy of the European Union in the context of political participation in conditions of South-Eastern Europe. During my traineeship, I spent a great time among researchers of CLER team who introduced me not even the contemporary methods of economic analysis, but also the surroundings of Rijeka and Croatian coastal area. Moreover, I enjoyed a lot the environment of the city of Rijeka and the time in Croatia.



Additionally, during my stay, I completed two scientific publications, among which one was already published as „Social dimensions of regional policy of the European Union“ in Kaplanova, P. (ed.) (2016). Selected topics in modern society, Faculty of Organisation Studies in Novo mesto, ISBN 978-961-6974-11-0. For the purpose of writing the scientific publications, I used the opportunity to spend time at the library of the University of Rijeka and the Faculty of Economics. Special thanks contribute to doc. Dr. Drezgić for his professional help and leading conversations to manage my stay at CLER. Also, I had a chance to participate in the social and study events held at Faculty of Economics, such as conferences, lectures of foreign experts and workshops.

By this chance, I want to thank the whole team of CLER which helped me to gain the knowledge and experience of my research training from different angles. Undoubtedly, many thanks to Faculty of Organisation Studies for the opportunity, organization and the realization of my traineeship.

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