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OUR ERASMUS+ EXPERIENCE



My main goal was to pass all my exams. However, there were plenty of other tasks I had to do myself, such as registering at the dormitory, opening my bank account, enrolling at the university. At the beginning I felt frightened, but in the course of time I managed to sort everything out. And it did not feel as if I had been alone since a lot of people were in the same situation, so we all kind of mingled naturally in order to help each other.

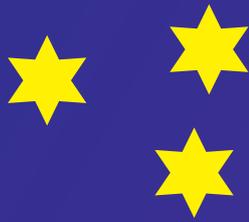
Once all my responsibilities were fulfilled, things started to get interesting. Maribor has busy nightlife with a large variety of restaurants and clubs for students. Besides making some friends, travels were the best part of my stay. There were a lot of places we visited and it was even better in the company of such amazing people that I had met.

To sum up, Erasmus is not just about studying or partying, it is about broadening your horizons, understanding different points of views in order to improve yourself. Such things cannot be taught in the classroom.

Milan Grujić

Last semester, more precisely in October 2016, I took part in a journey that would be the most challenging experience of my life - I went for a student exchange abroad. The program which promotes that exchange is called Erasmus and it allows students from all over the world to gather in different places. My experience took place in Maribor, Slovenia. I spent five months living in a dormitory with other students from different countries and attending lectures at the University of Maribor.





Slovenia from Brankica and Sanja's perspective



We will tell you a story about how we decided to apply for Erasmus + in Slovenia and what that experience taught us. "It's not that far away", everyone told us, "Just give it a go, it will be an amazing opportunity". And they were right. A small city, Brežice, located in "the green country", felt like home from the start. Our arrival was not naïve at all — big trains, airplanes, cancelled flights, broken suitcases, trying to communicate with drivers, workers and travellers.

Nice people that lived in Brežice made us fall in love with that city on the first day. We started meeting people who lived in the same hostel we did as the days passed by. There we were in the middle of Slovenia; two of us from Serbia, two from Montenegro, two from Bosnia and two from Croatia. We were sharing old memories with each other, while creating new ones in the place that brought us together. Also, we were spending time with the rest of Erasmus crew — girls from the Czech Republic, Poland and Finland.

We went there to learn more, to acquire knowledge, to see for ourselves what makes the EU so different. The answer is simple-everything. Students are more motivated and all of them are included in projects which are later funded. They fight for better education and not only for themselves but also for the future generations.



Guys had a car, so we seized every opportunity to go to Zagreb. We were brave, so one day we decided to take a weekend trip to Zagreb. That was the first time we fell in love with the city that would later on become a part of our six-week adventure. Extremely long walks, spending a considerable amount of money and going out was a true treat.

Besides visiting cities, we had the opportunity to go on a two-day trip with a Sustainable Development professor. We went to Solčavsko. The Valley of Solčavsko is located on the border with Austria, in the valley of the Alps. This was a great example for us since Slovenia is one of the most sustainable countries in the world. There we had the opportunity to spend a night in one of eco hotels and learn more about eco tourism, and the best thing — we saw the Alps! Besides travelling, we spent days reading and writing essays, which helped us realise what sustainable development truly was. It was not the fun part, but we ended up learning a lot.

We were lucky that our Faculty organised a trip to MEKST (International Congress of Students of Tourism and Hospitality) that was held in Novi Sad. We ended up going back to our country as Slovenian students. It was an amazing experience. We got to see our families, spend time with friends and meet new ones.

We have to express our gratitude towards our Faculty for making this happen. This was an ideal opportunity to meet new people, different cultures, traditions, customs, and to learn about some less interesting aspects, such as finding your way around foreign banks, town halls, shops, etc. We feel more capable, responsible and ambitious.

Brankica Gvozdenić, Sanja Bošković



OUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE



Our students at the Entrepreneurship Fair

The 10th Entrepreneurship Fair was held in the Grand Hotel in Valjevo on October 20th. As at all the fairs to date, all those interested in starting their own businesses had the opportunity to find ideas, inspiration and support. There were around two hundred entrepreneurial ideas and numerous programs to support entrepreneurship. The visitors were able to attend interesting and educational lectures, obtain advice on how to manage finances and reduce risk.

There were 10 local entrepreneurs who presented their ideas about how to run a small business, direct one's knowledge and skills in order to improve business. One of the many presenters was Filip Đoković, professor from our Faculty, who introduced us to his experience of starting-up and doing business on the market by giving us some pieces of advice.



Some of us were volunteers and we represented a sustainable development institution called Business Incubator. Their task was to inform visitors about this organization's activities and communicate with potential partners and companies about future cooperation. We closed a lot of deals and we hope that they will be realized.

We believe that this fair is beneficial for each individual and thus should be visited by a larger number of people. We, the young students of this course, found the experience extremely helpful in terms of understanding what a private business is and what is actually required by a company.

**Marija Simić, Tanja Jovanović
Katarina Barzetović, Viktorija Milovanović**

The pathway of the falcon



Nenad Ikonić, the Faculty of Business student, organized the first MTB cross in Western Serbia on 8th March. This unique event was created and supported by students, members of the NGO association Zeleni trag, and the English teacher Ivana Damnjanović. This project gathered more than 120 participants from all over the country and abroad. All organization members were involved in marketing activities which were vital for spreading the information about this event. Everyone who was interested in applying for the race had to do it in advance because the number of participant was limited. This event is very specific – it includes 3 mountains, 2 rivers and 1 ride for both professionals and amateurs. This route was 34 km long but nobody felt tired or power-

less to complete this interesting task. All participants were satisfied and happy for being a part of this brilliant and inspiring project. They were willing to share their impressions with others who missed the event.

Organizer of this project, Nenad Ikonić, said he had been developing this idea for two years but that it couldn't be realized until everything was perfectly planned and implemented. It was conceived as a non-competitive cross which people could freely take part in. Generally, "this whole event has soul", said Nenad.

This race was a great experience and it could become a tradition through the process of tourism development. The event was short but fun while it lasted and no one can take the knowledge, contacts and experience away from the people who made it unforgettable.



Ana Gojković



Our students at the University in Belgrade



Representatives of the Students' Parliament alongside its President, Violeta Vasiljević, visited Singidunum University on 29th October 2015. Representatives of the University, Professor Dragan Cvetković and marketing and PR manager Predrag Obradović, met them on premises in Kumodraška Street. After a short lecture given by Predrag Obradović, the President of the Students' Parliament at the University, Jelena Popov, spoke about the future cooperation between the two Parliaments. A short break followed so we could look around the Faculty building, meet and talk to students from the University. In one of the lecture halls, we had the opportunity to meet the dean of Singidunum University, who expressed deep regret for not being able to attend the book fair with his students. After that, the group headed to the other building of the University in Danjelova Street, where the lectures were being held at the moment.



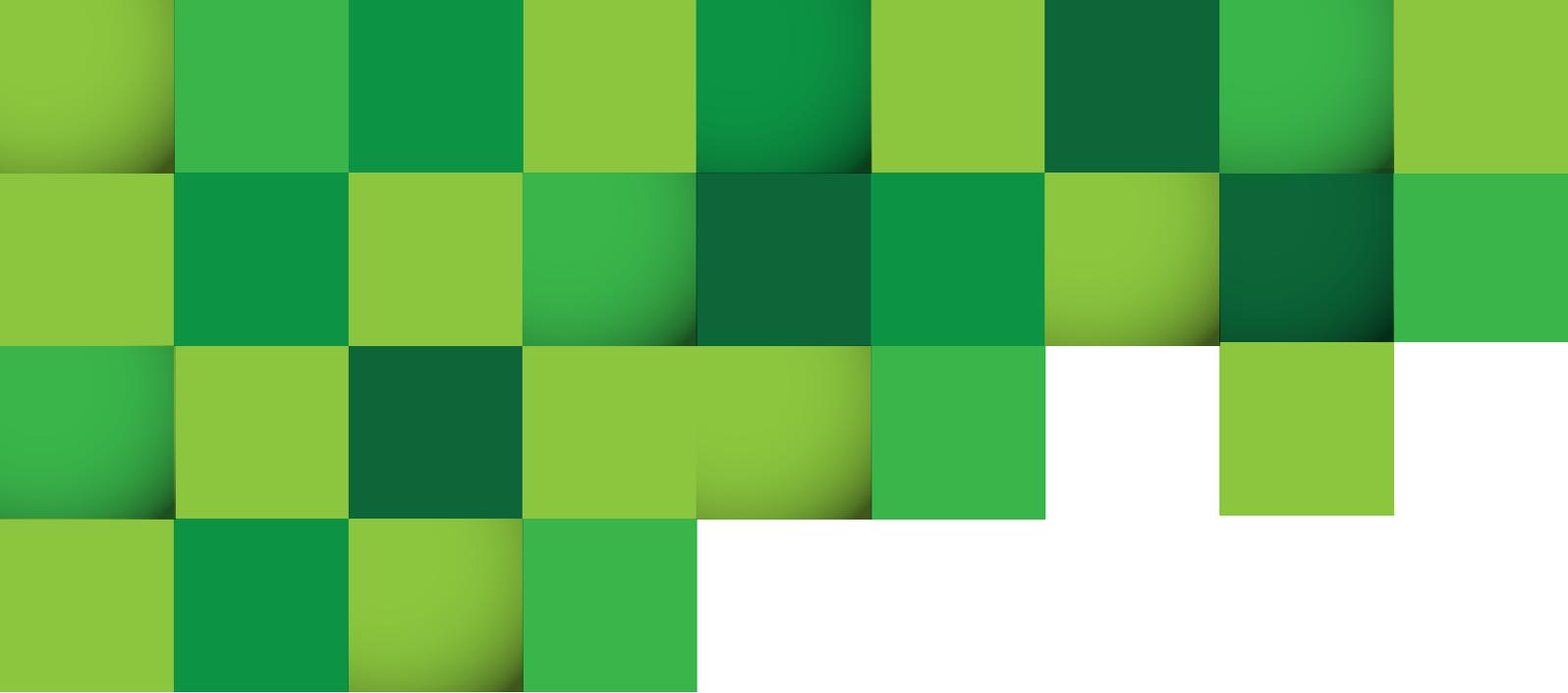
The last stop during this trip was the 60th International Belgrade Book Fair. There, all the students could see the Singidunum University stand and talk to graduates who were representatives at the fair. Students who wanted to buy books had enough time to do so before the return.

At the end of an exhausting day, we had some free time to walk around Belgrade and visit some attractions, such as the Kalemegdan Fortress and enjoy the view of the sunset at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers.



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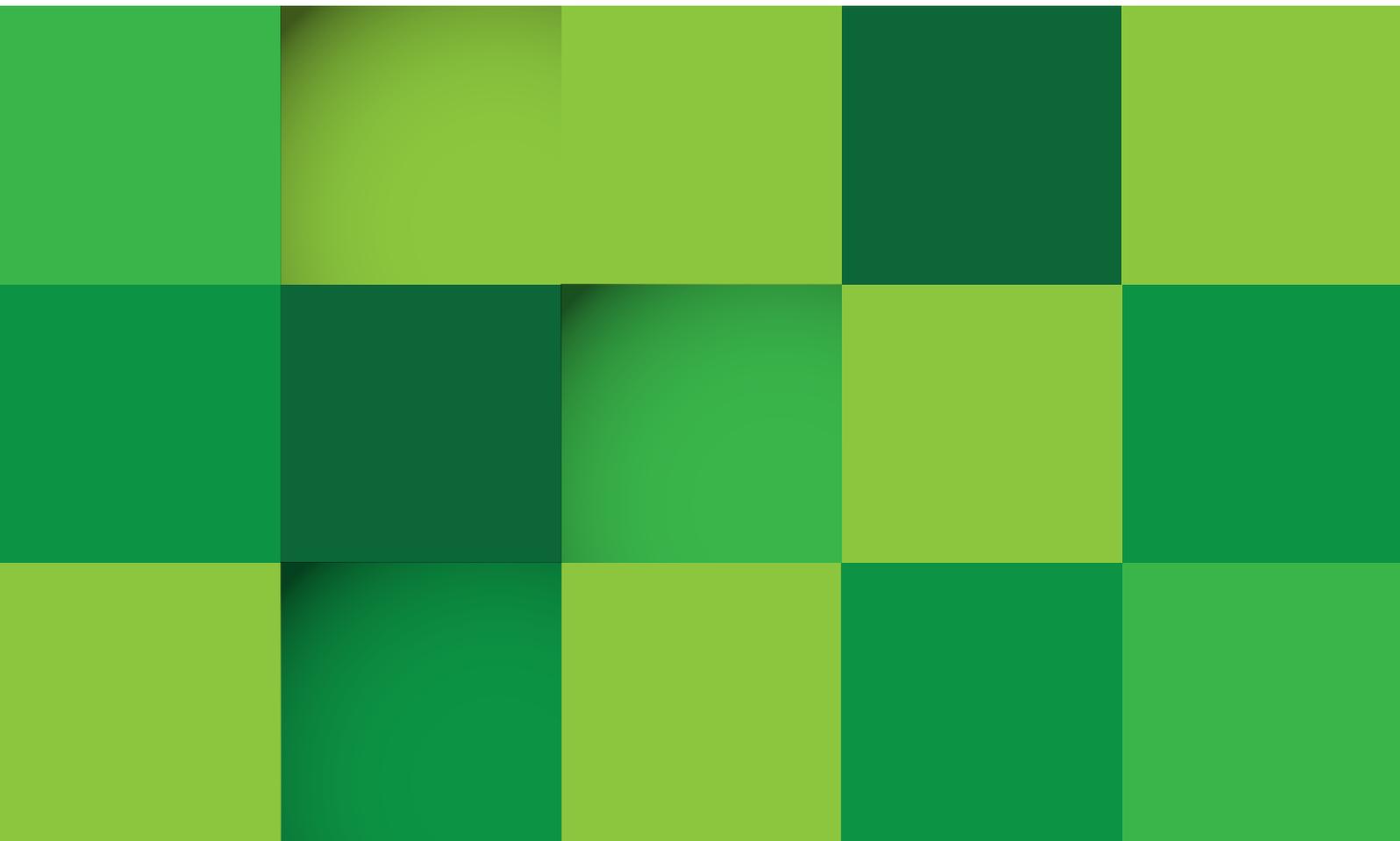




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Help me learn the English language: Mind maps

Students sometimes experience difficulties when trying to learn some grammar structures or new words. In this text you will find some tips on how to overcome obstacles when learning a language.

A map of mind is a concept innovated by Toni Buzan who also had difficulties when studying as a psychology student. Firstly, he looked for answers in a library, namely medical literature. He wanted to know how the human brain worked, remembered and forgot some situations or information.

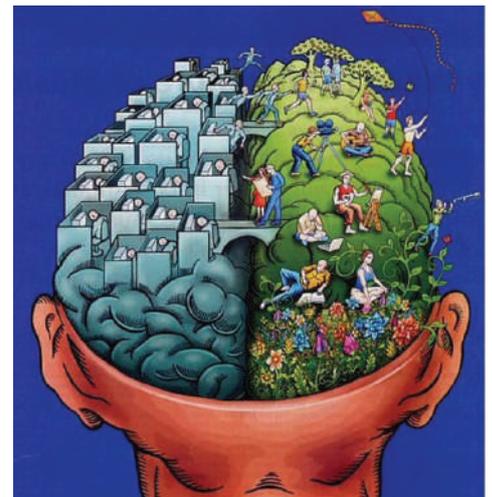
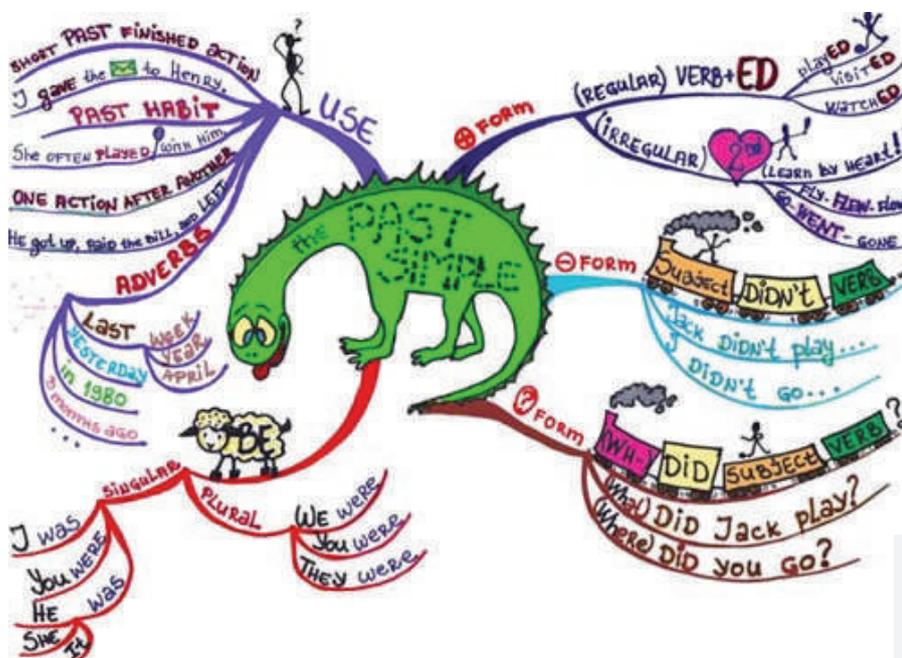
The interesting thing is that the human brain has two hemispheres – left and right. The left hemisphere deals with numbers, logic, words and the right manages creativity- pictures, music, colors etc.

As he says, when you start learning, for example some definitions from a book, your brain starts associating them with colors, places you have been to or people you have met.

Since a vast majority of books are written without pictures, we tend to use the left hemisphere while the right hemisphere remains inactive. For this reason, we find it hard to concentrate.

There are some rules for creating mind maps: you should use only blank paper – lines make limitations. Also, you have to draw a central picture (central idea) from which you can branch out others concepts. And don't forget to use a lot of crayons.

Finally, here is an example!

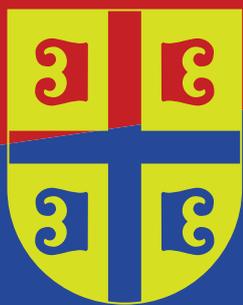


tips for students:

- *Read books by Toni Buzan and
- *Practise making mind maps.

Good luck!

Nevena Ilčesjan



Things you didn't know about Serbia

- The official name of Serbia is the Republic of Serbia. According to the official historiography the name of Serbia was first mentioned by the Greeks in the 10th century as (Σερβλία) Servlija, Serblija, then as Servia, Serbija, meaning the land of Serbs.
- The capital of Serbia was founded by the Celts in the 3rd century BC and later became Singidunum. In 876 it was first mentioned as Belgrade and is considered one of the oldest cities in Europe.
- When someone mentions watches, everyone thinks of the Swiss. Well, all wrong! You need to think of Serbs. Serbian watchmakers are older than the world-renowned Swiss. Serbs made their watches 200 years before the Swiss!



- Did you know that the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River (USA) has a duplicate? In Serbia? The impressive red rock canyon of the river Temstica will irresistibly remind you of the famous Colorado!

- Serbia's capital, Belgrade, is one of the largest cities in Southeast Europe. Also, a prestigious tourist portal Lonely Planet has declared Belgrade the city with the best nightlife in the world. So much for Las Vegas!

- Vampire is the only word in the Serbian language which is widely accepted in all languages of the world. On the other hand, Serbia's most famous vampire, besides Sava Savanović, is Petar Blagojević. He was a peasant whose case falls within the first mentions of vampirism in Europe in recent times.

- Znak pitanja is the oldest preserved tavern (kafana) in Belgrade. It was built by Naum Ičko in 1823. The first tavern in Europe was opened in Dorćol, Belgrade in 1522 but it served only black coffee.

- In the lobby of the Red Cross in Geneva there is signboard with the inscription: "Be as humane as Serbia was in 1885". To be specific, Serbia helped Bulgaria although the two countries were at war.

- According to some sources Dušan Popov, a Serbian double agent, inspired the author Ian Fleming to create the legendary James Bond.

- Dragačevski Sabor is an annual brass band festival held in Guča. Hundreds of thousands of visitors from Serbia and abroad visit the town with several thousand inhabitants every year. Exit is a music festival that takes place at the



Marija Simić, Tanja Jovanović

Why should we love the cosmos?

The cosmos is an endless area which includes a lot of celestial bodies: stars, planets, satellites, meteors etc.

I am sure that from time to time you ask yourselves, your parents or teachers which celestial body is the most common in space. The answer to this is stars- people can see 5, 000 stars with the naked eye!

There are 88 asterisms in the sky— Big Bear, Little Bear, Aquarius, Pegasus etc. To measure the distance between stars, astronomers often use light-years.

One of the incredible things is that the universe is constantly expanding and some suggest this trend will continue in the future. On the other hand, there are speculations that the universe may implode.

Royal Observatory, Greenwich

The most prominent astronomy institutions throughout history have been those in Paris and London (Greenwich). The Greenwich Observatory is the centre of time calculation and geographic coordinate system. The Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) was based on the observations made at this institution. We know that Greenwich meridian is the Prime Meridian and it runs through the observatory.

Today, the observatory is turned into a museum because Greenwich is a part of London and due to light pollution — it is no longer possible to make any sort of research.

This astronomy world cannot stop!

The European Organisation for Astronomical Research (ESO) is constructing the Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT) and it will have been finished by 2022. This telescope will enable observations to be transmitted from one instrument to another in just a few minutes. The aim of the telescope is to identify planets in the habitable zone.

Nevena Ilčičan



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A CORRIDOR FOR LIFE.
TWO LANGUAGES
OPEN EVERY DOOR ALONG
THE WAY.**

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Frank Smith

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