

# REPORT ON MY ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

## **1. What is your name and which program did you attend?**

*I am Rachele Antonella Lauro and I attended the Erasmus+ Program for a semester of study abroad.*

## **2. Where and when did you go during your Erasmus program?**

*I went to Paris, at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, from January to May 2018 (second semester of my second year of the M.Sc. in Finance and Banking).*

## **3. How did you like living there?**

*It was an amazing experience! Paris is an extremely beautiful city, full of initiatives and opportunities. There are a lot of advantages for young people: from the free entry in all the National museums to the possibility to rent a bike for free for the first 30 minutes. Paris is a very well organized city: there are 16 different metro lines, many buses, trams and metropolitan trains (RER). Even if the Navigo pass might appear a bit expensive, it gives the opportunity to travel in the whole Ile de France region!*

## **4. What about the University?**

*The Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne is one of the oldest universities in the world as well as one of the most famous and biggest universities in France. Therefore, it represents an opportunity to study in a historically high-quality environment and it was very stimulating. In addition, Erasmus students can choose courses of the M.Sc. A.P.E. (Analysis and Policy in Economics) which is offered jointly by the EHESS, the ENS, the Ecole des Ponts ParisTech and the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and is certified by the Paris School of Economics. However, this opportunity is opened only to a maximum of 5 students for each course, thus there is a selection during the first day of the semester.*

## **5. What is the level of the courses? Did you find similarities to those in Tor Vergata?**

*The level of the courses is high, in particular the A.P.E courses. The structure is similar to the one of the M.Sc. at Tor Vergata, but for each course there is only one lesson at week (longer with respect to our lessons). Many courses have frontal lessons plus "TD", which are mandatory practice classes. Periodic assignments are frequently required, and the relative mark contributes to the final mark in a given percentage.*

## **6. Is there any particular advice that you would like to give to another student who will go there in the future?**

*On the very first day of the semester, you need to register for all the exams you want to do as well as for the relative TDs (there is no possibility to add exams later). Thus, my advice is to register to more exams, if you are in doubt, in order to have the possibility to choose after having attended the first lessons (there is always the possibility to remove one of them). Another advice regards the accommodation, there is a Housing Service of the University, but the demand is too high to be all satisfied, therefore you need to move a lot in advance.*

## **7. Do you wish to be contacted for further information by interested students?**

*Yes, sure! My email address is [racheleantonella.lauro@gmail.com](mailto:racheleantonella.lauro@gmail.com)*