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I am Beril. I am studying Interior Architecture and Environmental Design. I had a chance to work as an intern with Erasmus+ Traineeship Mobility for 2 months in Politecnico di Milano, Milan. Before I went there, I had lots of questions in my mind such as what I am going to do there, how my supervisor will be, will I have good friends there, etc.

The best aspect of this opportunity was seeing all the history of Milan. Besides, I travelled a lot and see lots of countries which are important also for a design environment. Milan is a well-located city to travel and I travelled more than usual with the Erasmus+ program.

On the other hand, I met lots of international students on Politecnico di Milano and it is not for only 2 months of friendship. I have still very close friends on there so I can be able to travel again. I had also a major opportunity to take a recommendation from my supervisor which he is an important professor for part of the Polimi design environment. And I know that it will allow me to have a master's degree in Polimi for my future study.

And if I want to talk about aspects of the internship, the main positive aspect of this internship is being on the international environment and experiences it. When I work Labirint in Polimi, I worked on various projects such as Design Social Club, mobility bus stop, creating identity, logo design projects, etc. Thus, I saw lots of different projects in 2 months. When I work on logo design, I improved myself about Adobe Illustrator CC skills creatively. And, I worked with the budget to create Design Social Club for Politecnico di Milano. I attended lots of meetings to discuss budget and design principles, so I saw the real design environment in the international area. Also, I worked with the carpentry lab in Polimi. Thus, I saw lots of materials and learned about their functions. Besides, when I worked on the mobility bus stop project, I learned how I can use recycled materials to design something easy and useful for people in dementia and Alzheimer's. The first time I worked in the office, I was working from 8 am to 5 pm. My supervisor believed that working in this way would limit my creativity. Later he encouraged me to work in more comfortable environments and uncertain hours. Although I found it difficult to get used to this situation at first, I think it is the right attitude. I will never forget the experience that I lived with thanks to the Erasmus+.

