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Hello, I am Özüm Karadağ. I studied at the Instituto Politecnico de Castelo Branco in Portugal, within the scope of the Erasmus Exchange Program. This educational decision, which I took with great excitement and little anxiety, is one of the most important experience of my life. During the whole process, my trainers and advisors made the process even easier. The Erasmus Grant I received within the program provided great financial support. Living and studying in Portugal was a very educational and fun process for me. Being in an different academical system brought a new perspective to my education life. The lessons based on the workshop I took allowed me to be in the furniture and product design-production processes and to manufacture my design with my own hands. During the production process, I learned different manufacturing techniques and details and I had an opportunity to use them. Apart from this, I took theoretical courses I learn about the design culture and history of Portugal. In addition to this academic experience, which has made a very different contribution to my education life, I got to know many different cultures thanks to Erasmus. Thanks to my trips to other countries, I have experienced different cultures and was able to take a closer look at the architectural structures, museums and historical places that I was always curious about them. When I look back, I can see that the education within Erasmus Program was a very different and beneficial period for me. If you also have the idea of studying abroad in your mind, I recommend that you put all your worries aside and take advantage of the Erasmus Exchange Program.