

**ERASMUS 2020-2021 SPRING SEMESTER**  
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I am a third-year student in the Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design at Yaşar University. Experiencing this opportunity at Instituto Politécnico de Castelo Branco during the Spring Semester was a significant experience for me. Through Erasmus+ Program, living in a different country, sharing the daily life of the local people, and learning about their traditions helped me gain different perspectives. Another wonderful aspect was the opportunity to meet new people and form international friendships. Coming together with students from different countries and understanding and learning about cultural differences was truly a valuable experience for me. I made friends that I believe I will keep for many years to come.

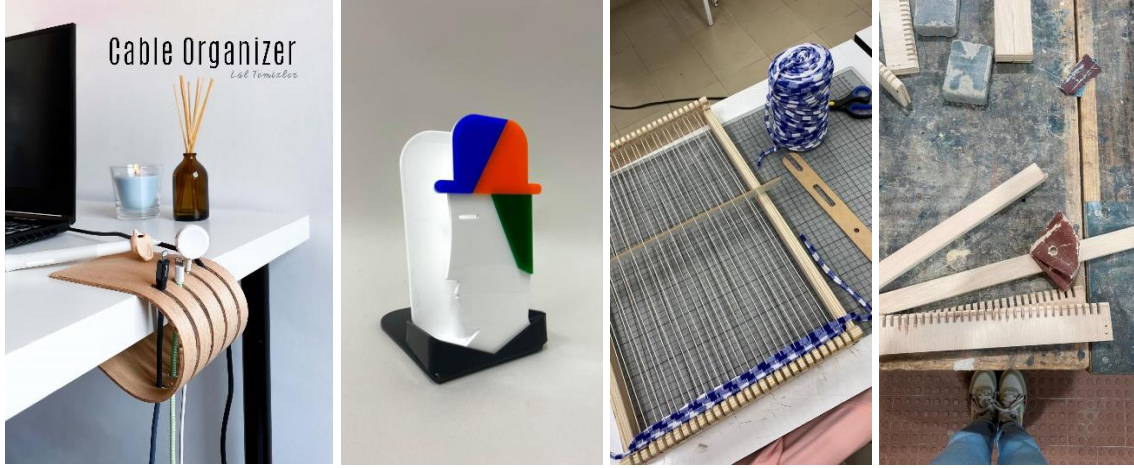
In terms of education, alongside studio courses, the practical courses in workshops were also of great importance in the department. I can say that being able to independently create things I designed by exploring new machines motivated me greatly. Observing the transformation of theoretical knowledge into practice through practical courses provided me with a new perspective on understanding the process. Additionally, the attentiveness of all the instructors at the school accelerated my adaptation, increasing my enthusiasm for classes. I believe Erasmus+ is an excellent opportunity for personal and academic growth as well. Receiving education in a different university, discovering new courses, and experiencing different teaching methods enriched my learning style. I learned to act more independently, take responsibility, and push my boundaries.

Aside from education, I also want to talk about Castelo Branco. It was one of the most beautiful parts of my experience. Despite being small, it was a city filled with friendly and helpful people. Going to a place far from your country where a completely different language is spoken can naturally instill some fear. I went to Portugal with many question marks in my mind, but it was such a calm and safe city that it made me feel as if I had always been there. While I initially found its tranquility strange, after the hustle and bustle of a big city, it provided me with a completely different experience.

Of course, the beauties of this exchange program are not limited to these. It provided many other opportunities like trying new flavors, exploring different places, and acquiring new language and communication skills. I had the chance to travel to the countries I desired and experience the works of my favorite architect, Gaudí, in person. All these experiences became unforgettable memories for me.

In conclusion, Erasmus+ was not just an educational program for me; it became one of the most unforgettable memories of my life. I believe the Erasmus program is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to develop themselves individually and academically. If you have the chance, don't miss this opportunity, and discover the values it will add to your life.

## My Works



## Lisbon



## Porto





## Guimares, Coimbra, Castelo Branco, Aveiro



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## Barcelona

