



## **IT University Travel Report**

*Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions, as long as you cover the information asked for below. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not. Remember that the report will be made available on the intranet.*

**Host University:** Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

**Study Programme at IT University:** MSc in Software Design

**Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad:** Exchange (Erasmus+)

**Exchange Period:** Autumn 2022

## **Your stay abroad**

In the period August 2022 to January 2023, I was on exchange in Madrid, where I studied for a semester at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, the Polytechnic University of Madrid.

The stay has made me professionally stronger within i.a. big data, artificial intelligence, project management, testing of systems and statistics. In addition, a large part of the study has consisted of group work, where I have worked together with other students from many different countries and cultural backgrounds, which has strengthened my ability to collaborate and adapt.

I have also gone through a lot of personal development during my stay. It has been incredibly rewarding to be thrown into deep water and having to create an everyday life from scratch in a city that I did not know beforehand; create new relationships, find housing, deal with uncertainty and change. I have come home as a more open and change-ready person, I have gained greater faith in my own abilities and I have become more aware of my values and what is important to me.

One of my best experiences from the stay was a welcome weekend organized by the Erasmus Student Network, where I had the opportunity to create some good relationships with other exchange students early on. It was challenging to live with so many people you don't know in advance, but also a really good way to get close to each other. Almost all the people I still keep in touch with are people I got to know on that trip. So, I am incredibly happy that I chose to come along.