

## FINAL REPORT - Milena Janković from University of Niš in the Republic of Serbia

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My name is Milena Janković. I'm student of Master studies at Faculty of Occupational Safety in Niš, Serbia, study programme Emergency Situation Management.

I studied at The Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw, Poland through the Erasmus plus student mobility programme.

I don't know where to begin, because this was one of the best experiences in my life.

The Main School of Fire Service is one of the greatest Institutions for firefighters in Poland because it provides students with the necessary knowledge in the field of protection against all kind of fires and reactions in emergency situations. I was very pleased to see that young people have opportunities to study and work at the same time at the School. The students that are working at School, are trained to go to interventions.

The Main School of Fire Service has two parts that are connected with a bridge. I was very surprised when I first came to School because there were lots of buildings named from A-F. But I always had help in the main entrance from students that are working there. The School is two in one, it has parts for studying and also its own fire station and training ground. They have lot of fire vehicles and also buses which can be used for transportation of students, professors and officers to some events.

Classrooms that I was studying at, were clean, professional and equipped with all the equipment that was needed for quality learning.

Professors were very professional and spoke English very good. That was very important for me because I didn't speak Polish. They provided me with all the material that I needed to pass my exams. And also there is a library at School where you can find more material. I really liked that all the professors have international experience. They were part of many conferences, programs, organizations and they provided me with lots of great advices in my field of studying.

As for my subjects, I learned a lot from my professors. For example the subject Forest Fire Protection with lovely Mrs Anna Szajewska I learned the basics of forest fires. How to extinguish forest fires and what equipment and vehicles to use to achieve that. This was very interesting and also very important for me, because I'm volunteer firefighter in Serbia and I was on many forest fires, and with this subject I expanded my knowledge.

The subject Chemical and Ecological Rescue, Mr Zdislav Salamonowicz I had privilege to learn how most of the substances react when they have contact with soil, water or air. How they are reacting when there is source of fire and how all of them affect environment. I had a lot of practise in School laboratory. The laboratory is very spacious and very well equipped for experiments. Also Mr Salamonowicz and his assistant Mr Rafal Matuszkiewicz provided me a trip to the chemical plant Pulawy that is producing Nitrogen fertilizer. It was something extraordinary to see. The plant is consisted of several very big production complexes and I'm very happy I had a chance to see how they work.

The subject Civil Protection, with Mr Tomasz Zweglinski, I learned lots of things related to Civil protection in Poland and abroad. This subject was very interesting for me because Mr Zweglinski had very good ability how to transfer knowledge and make it easy to understand and to remember the lectures. He provided me also with a trip to see Air Medical Service. I could have first-hand informations from pilots that are flying in helicopters in emergency situations.

The subject Crisis Management, Mr Rafał Wrobel, he was one of the most kindest people I have ever met. When you speak with him, you just notice right away that he loves the job he is doing, and that he is very good in it. That was very impressive. He taught me how Crisis Management is operating not only in Poland,

also abroad. I learned a lot about Polish laws, state affairs, government. And I could make a comparison of Crisis Management in Poland with my own country.

I was living in dormitory which is a part of The Main School of Fire Service. The dormitory was very clean, and equipped with everything you need for living. My room was very comfortable and nice. People that are working there became like my family. They provided me with everything I needed. I didn't have a feeling that I was in dormitory, it was more like I was in some hotel, because everything was so clean and new.

Beside my studies I met new people, made lots of friends. I learned a lot about Polish culture and history. Also the basics of Polish language. I have visited so many beautiful places that Poland has to offer. I learned that Poland maybe has a cooler climate than for example my country Serbia but people there have big and warm hearts, and they are always opened to help.

My advice to all future participants who wants to take a part in Erasmus plus student mobility program for The Main School of Fire Service is that they take the opportunity, because they will expand their professional skills, learn lot of different things and also have a very pleasant time in Warsaw, Poland.



