

**1. Where do you come from and what do you study back home?**

I'm coming from Czech republic, Ústí nad Labem city. My study programme is Environmental protection, I'm currently in the second year of master degree of waste management on Univerzita Jana Evangelisty Purkyně.

**2. Why did you choose Slovenia as your exchange country?**

Slovenia is very well promoted, which we found during web researching and decisioning where to go. One of the aspect was lower language barrier, because Slovenian language is a bit similar to Czech and Slovenes were supposed to be skilled in English and very friendly. We found out that all of these is true. Another reason was the nature, especially mountains, seaside and appearance in general.

**3. What do you think of Velenje/Slovenija?**

Slovenia is country with awesome nature and it seems like people know how to take care of it, compared to Czech republic. Less invasive forest management creates wild-like appearance with high biodiversity, which is quite rare to see. Farming on small, shattered fields and pastures contributes the general landscape. Slovenians also take good care about their historical estates. All this together makes Slovenia great country for tourism, hiking and living.

Velenje itself is quite impaired by the industry, but it is compensated by educational institutes, which brings a lot of interesting people from whole Slovenia. Developed students culture is also beneficial and makes opportunities to meet the people.

**4. What do you think of your host institution – Environmental Protection College (EPC)?**

The staff of EPC is very open for international students and everyone can speak English fluently. Even though the lectures are mostly not given in English, teachers provide individual consultations and assign seminar works, which satisfies the educational purposes and gives free time to explore Slovenia. Erasmus+ coordinator, Andrejka Mevc, helped us a lot with everything around studies and managed tutors to ease beginnings of the stay.

**5. What are your main professional interests in and how do you see your future career?**

I am interested in my field of study and I would like to find a job, where will be possible to protect the Environment by development and application of modern technologies. I'd like to focus on the most crucial imperfections in peoples behaviour to the nature and eliminate it by technological gadgets, if education fails or is insufficient.

