Erasmus medical studies in Barcelona

- Medical studies in Spain
  - Access
  - Practical formation
  - Residency
- My Erasmus year: expectations
  - Benefits of an Erasmus year in Spain

Medical studies in Spain: access

- Public university
  - Bachillerato of Health Sciences 60% √ Selection +++
  - Selectividad of Health Sciences 40% √
- Private university: Bachillerato + Selectividad + own criteria (financial +++)

⇒ access to a medical faculty in one of the 17 autonomous communities of Spain

Medical studies in Spain

- In theory 6 years
- Theoretical + practical formation: similar to the French system
- European credits organization: compulsory, optional, free choice subjects
- Exams: MCQ (#75%) + a few questions (#25%)
- Validation of each subject separately
  ⇒ 5th year student with 3rd year subjects
  ⇒ often > 6 years

Medical studies in Spain: Residency

- MIR: Médicos Internos Residentes ⇒ ranking
  - Exam: 75%; MCQ covering the 6 years
  - Student record: 25%
- Positions available: 4,200 for 6,300 candidates
- Private academies +++
- Specialization: 4-6 years in hospital

Erasmus in Barcelona: expectations

- Learn a new language
- Discover
  - another European city
  - another country
  - another culture
- See differences in medical studies/students
  - Open to something else than only medicine while studying
  - Make the most of the EU facilities!
**What has it brought me?**

- Language: 21 countries, 310 M Spanish-speaking persons
- Barcelona: diversity
  - Architecture: Gaudi, Montaner
  - Painting: Picasso, Dalí, Miro
  - Football: FCB
  - Gastronomy

**International life**

- Barcelona: cosmopolitan city (# 7% pop)
- Erasmus life

⇒ Friends from all Europe

**What has it brought me?**

- Meet people from other horizons
- Trips in Catalonia
- Own experience, personal enrichment
- A lot of fun, and good memories

**Discovery of regionalism**

- Regionalism and double culture: Catalonia and Spain
  - 2 languages Catalan-Castilian: 80% classes in Catalan; >60% pop speaks
  - Traditions
  - Hymn, “National reality”
  - Sardanas
  - Political claims: Independent Catalonia

**Conclusion?**

GO ON ERASMUS!!!!
And make the most of it!

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