



Project Activities

DICAMP students in Leipzig and Straubing

Two DICAMP students are staying at the CLIC in Leipzig, two at the HSWT in Straubing to write their theses. They tell us about their experiences.

1. What are you doing in your thesis at CLIC/HSWT ?

Emna: My master thesis at HSWT is about Photovoltaic systems (also called PV systems) in Tunisia. I am conducting a survey that aims at studying the behavior and knowledge of Tunisian citizens regarding the PV systems. My main research targets are to study the acceptance and adoption of PV and to assess the effects of information on the PV acceptance in Tunisia. The results of the study would contribute to a better understanding of the PV market from a consumer's perspective: it might help stakeholders through the process of decision making in terms of PV promotion and dissemination of the Tunisian Solar plan.

Henda: In my master thesis at HSWT, I chose to focus on Carbon Footprint issues by perceiving the consumer's awareness towards climate change and its factors and calculating consumer carbon footprint for shopping trips. Conducting such a study will help us to move further with the social action projects that aim to find innovative tools to highlight the consumers' environmental behavior and their willingness to adopt some green values.

Khaoula: My Master thesis is about understanding the use of different media in innovation communities to enhance virtual collaboration. I investigate the influence of synchronicity on making sense based on creative problem solving processes.

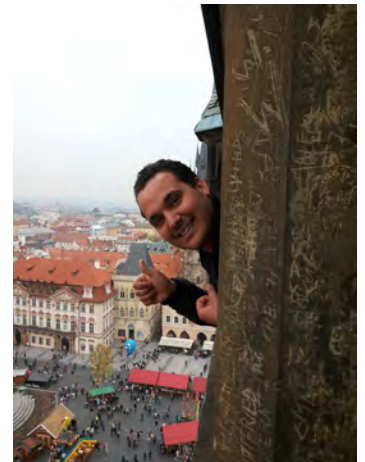
Borhen: The general idea of my master thesis at HHL is improving my website uncv.net via online workshops and on the other hand to improve the sensemaking in the innovation communities and how the online platform can add value in the communities and how we can use these tools to achieve a better result.



Emna and Henda looking good in their Bavarian "Dirndl"

2. How do you like the city of Leipzig/Straubing?

Khaoula: When I came to Leipzig, I found a city full of art, creativity and uniqueness. The nature is amazing and I spent a lot of time walking through parks, discovering and learning about the diversity of plants, trees and animals.



Borhen above the roofs of Prague

My favorite plant is the Magnolia. I like the architecture. Every part of Leipzig provides a special experience. At the city centre, it's like an open museum where you can walk through Nicolas church, university of Leipzig or the Opera house. Not so far from the central Augustusplatz, south of the centre you find the so called Südplatz which is relaxing and full of art and creativity. Different cultures, mindsets and life styles co-exist and interact smoothly.

Emna: Straubing is a peaceful and charming city. People are friendly and welcoming. You can feel through the whole city the typical spirit of Bavaria: the perfect mixture of magnificent wide green spaces through which flows the Danube River, characteristic architecture, delicious gastronomy, generous people and most of all a specific interest for environmental issues.

3. What else did you see/visit during your time in Germany?

Henda: I visited many places in Bavaria like Regensburg, Nürnberg, Bogen and the big Munich and it was just amazing to experience that Bavarian atmosphere with the medieval spirit and the traditional customs. Lately, I also visited the capital of Germany, the wonderful Berlin where I learned a lot about the history of Germany and what all the Germans have experienced to get to the success that they are witnessing today in many different fields.

Borhen: I went to Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg and Halle and outside of Germany Prague and Amsterdam. In each trip I try to visit all the monuments to discover the culture of the country.

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What was your best experience so far in Germany?

Emna: My best experience in Germany for now was the excursion to Germany's highest peak the "Zugspitze" by cable car. At 2,962 metres height, I was completely fascinated by "the white desert" and I enjoyed viewing the other surrounding mountain peaks and the Eibsee Lake. Fortunately, the weather was just perfect and I had the opportunity to enjoy a sun bath while admiring the snowy landscape.

Borhen: My best experience is to be in the institution of CLIC-HHL, to have many good colleagues and friends here and I can't even remember all the good experience because I get a lot of good time here and I discover many things, so for me, to be here in Leipzig and in Germany is the best experience I had.

Khaoula: My best experiences were to meet people like Felix, Katja, Romy and Mandy; or my crazy trip to Nuremberg - meeting Kathrin Möslin and her team -, or Thomas, the driver of a shared car, who spent one hour waiting for me at Frankfurt airport; the Forikolo team; the young farmer from Berlin: she gave me a lift just to help and there are plenty more examples. I think, it is all about people and the challenging atmosphere of being your best.

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Emna enjoying the view from Germany's highest mountain

What do you think is the major difference between Germany and Tunisia? (Could be anything: food, environment, weather, politics, etc.)

Henda: I think that the major difference between Germany and Tunisia is the citizens' environmental and urban behavior. The most captivating differences were the massive use of bicycles, the garbage selection (which confused me a little bit in a funny way in my first days!), the traffic lights respect, the great concern for children's education, and the respect of law in general. I'm trying to get inspired each day by these different features of the German way of living in order to adopt it and transfer it into my own country.

Borhen: Of course there's a difference between the two countries in every perspective because we do not have the same traditions, the same culture, the same mentality and the same food. I prefer the Tunisian weather because most of the year it is nice and sunny. Regarding the environment, I believe Germany is cleaner than Tunisia and what I maybe liked most here in Leipzig and in Germany is that we have more parks and green places than in Tunisia. But at this time of the year, unfortunately we can't really take advantage because of the weather.

Emna: I noticed that people in Germany are more dynamic, continuously moving regardless their age. In Germany, I think that the watchwords are discipline in general and foresight in environmental matters.

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Khaoula visiting the palace of Versailles