

One of the main reasons for my application to this ESC programme was to change myself for the better. I used to spend too much time in the virtual world. Apart from work, I was sitting closed in my room, mostly reading, playing video games, or writing. Solo activities. One must think that my only talent is to always find creative ways to waste my time. Tho, it was living on autopilot. I knew this was wrong and unacceptable.

However, today we are demanded to stay home and to socially distance ourselves. To be honest, I am struggling. I feel stuck and I am failing my projects and colleagues. I have no inspiration. I miss real human connections. I do not even like much writing. Apologies, dear reader. Second half of March and April will be shortly covered in this report.

My mid-term training was held online. Participation was mandatory, and I am truly amazed by Estonian National Agency for their devotion and thoughtfulness. I am grateful that we are allowed to stay here and continue our work. I saw a couple of people from my On Arrival training and it was good to chit-chat a bit and reflect on our experiences.

Regarding work, of course that we implemented new changes according to new situation in order to be productive. All my meetings with coordinator, supervisors and other volunteers are regularly held online. Since I do not like to share plans before they are realized, I can only say that Leonor has a great idea for collaboration between TYPA and Loodusmaja, and I am really excited about this.

Also, I work on smaller projects, a school programme about DNA and I am editing one video presentation of an exhibition of art works created by Loodusmaja students. Additionally, I am helping out Gedy with her BSP Citizen Science project. Nowadays, it takes me more time to finish my tasks.

Since I feel fully blessed for having the opportunity to be in Loodusmaja and work with such wonderful people, I want to share my acquired knowledge with Serbian people, so I started to write for Serbian blog Zelene priče. I have written about global education and the dark sides of

the textile industry so far. Many subjects I have listened about here will be my inspiration for future posts. Sharing is caring, eh?

8th of April is a birthday of Loodusmaja Center. This is how we celebrated it.



I went that day for real in the Center. I am having mixed feelings. Whenever I am in Loodusmaja I am joyful, since I remember really well the day I was sitting all depressed in my room, watching the virtual tour of the Center, getting astonished and praying to the Universe to bring me here. On the other side I am aware that I will have to encounter one of the saddest things regarding this experience – I am going to leave. I will not be able to see or hug these people. Look at the irony of present life. Whenever I speak with Aili and her daughter online, with Gedy or anyone else, I think that I could be at the Moon as well. I hate this quarantine. I hate social networks. I hate online, virtual. I hate machines, screens and billions of different apps. Plastic, cold and unhuman. I do not want to watch online theater plays, do virtual museum tours, order online food, hang out with friends online, or listen to lectures online. I wish to experience life with all of my five senses. I wish for more real.

I should better stop here. I should not be hypocritical. I said in a previous post that we must focus on the positive sides. Therefore, I am thankful to be healthy so far, I am safe, and I am not alone. It is important to have someone in your life that will keep you grounded, make you dance and remind you to look at the beautiful sunset sky. In order to keep others safe, I am staying home.

After all, the view from the window is not that bad?



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