

Letter to an unknown friend.

Hello, Lapsbo, Sveiki!

My name is Elina, I am 20 years old and I am first years student at Ventpils University of Applied Sciences, Translation studies, Intercultural Communication programme. Long story short about me is that I'm totally a cat person, but I have never had one, I finished art school 7 years ago, danced Latvian folk dances basically my whole life, have been to 3 erasmus+ projects and recently got my diploma (finished technical school) as a visual stylist. Most of my life I lived in a small town near Riga, but, as you can tell, I moved to Ventpils, which is really far away from home, but it's beautiful here.

Opposite from Ventpils, my hometown is really small, for kids and my childhood was nice there, but once you have seen all the places and do everything you possibly can, it gets boring, especially for 18+ years old. Latvia as a country is nice - beautiful views, nice places, interesting history and, even though it seems opposite, the people here are usually really nice. Our culture contains with a lot of different, nice things and traditions. For example our traditional food - gray peas, rye bread, and my favourite - every kind of potatoes. Communication here can seem difficult at first, because latvians show not that much of emotions, we're a bit shy, but after a time, it is a better situation!

Anyways, I hope you had a wonderful time reading this and have an insight about how's life back here! Of course there's much more, but I would love to hear about North Macedonia more! What is your favourite traditional food? What do you do apart from studying? Also, how is the culture and communication?

Hope to hear from you soon,

Elina