Since I moved to The Netherlands, I have had many experiences with people from around the world. I have often heard that the Dutch are cold and very direct, so when I arrived, I was a little afraid of what my first interaction with a Dutch person would be like. I was surprised because I expected to be treated poorly, not to receive help, or for them not to want to speak English with me, but it was quite the opposite. While there are some people who are not very friendly, most of them are, and that's why I haven't felt much of a difference.

I think the reason why cultural differences didn't affect me so much is that I always tend to treat people the same way, with a cheerful attitude but always with respect.

When I have to interact with someone from another culture, I will do it as I have done all my life, always trying to respect the other person. The more I get to know that person, the more I will learn about their culture and customs. If I do something that could be offensive, I hope they let me know so that I won't do it again.

In the group project, I was able to understand the culture of the Balkans, and I think I was able to join them fairly quickly. Over time, my relationship with my classmates improved, and now I believe I understand them quite well. Whenever I can, I ask questions about what a normal day was like for them when they lived there or about their families.

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