Dear fellow students of BEST,

I am Emilija Chona, student in Skopje at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies. This letter is purposed to let you know who I am and why I would be a great choice to represent my country in the course - The Lord of the Hacks: The Two Firewalls - Introduction to Cyber Security in Copenhagen, Denmark. I won’t lie that I am partially motivated to apply for this course because I would love to visit Copenhagen, but the topic of the course is indeed very intriguing. I am 20 years old, in the third year of my studies on the telecommunications and IT module, and being in the top 10% of my class, I consider myself suitable for learning such a topic in just 9 days.

Admittedly though, cyber security is not something I know a lot of, unless we count watching Mr. Robot. Actually, studying telecommunications, I’ve only encountered network security in two subjects so far and didn’t really go to any depth about it. Nevertheless, cyber security is something a telecommunication student and future network developer as me should know a lot about, and I see this as a great starting point. As we all rely on Internet and post even the smallest details of our lives publicly, rarely do we think about being hacked because “who would want to hack ME?”. Well in my opinion, being uneducated about the safety of our information in the big void of data on the Internet makes us the easiest target of being hacked and a victim of identity theft. As Dwight Schrute once said, and I quote, “Identity theft is not a joke Jim!”. So basically, as our lives are shifting to the network, I think everyone should be familiar with the basics of cyber security, and I will start with myself.

I consider myself to be an open-minded, friendly person, so one of the reasons for my application is the idea of getting to know other students that think alike from all over Europe. From my previous experiences in two Erasmus exchanges, the friendships we make with people who just like us, are staying in another country for a week to meet others and have interesting adventures, are the best kind of friendships as they hold a special kind of bond. Moreover, I would love to learn more about the Danish culture, and assure myself that Denmark is the happiest country in the world. I’ve even been thinking about pursuing my master’s degree in Denmark as a leading country in development of telecommunications. The idea of spending a week in one of the coolest city of Europe, with undoubtedly cool people already gets me excited for this course. I am sure that I can fit in very well and adapt to any kind of group, so choosing me would be a right choice to make.

I would have encrypted this message if I knew how, but I guess I’ll learn that this summer. Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Emilija