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"We are proud to say that we spent five months in "the sunniest city of Europe", Lisbon! The friendly people from NOVA, especially Isabel the E.MA Secretary and our lovely supervisors Ms Beleza and Ms Pereira de Melo, made us feel welcome from day one, in spite of the not-so-friendly February weather. The city is great: student-friendly, beaches half an hour away, good night life, interesting museums and fancy cultural events. Besides this, Nova provided us with much-needed language classes, tickets to Coimbra, and a small fund for our administrative needs. We enjoyed having the opportunity to be weekend-residents of Coimbra and participate in the Post-Graduation course in Human Rights while meeting new people and catching up with the other E.MA students there. In the end, we were all rewarded for our days spent in the cosy NOVA library completing our theses and following around our supervisors asking for advice.

Overall, even though we encountered a few administrative issues during our time there, we are happy to have had the opportunity to spend together our second semester in Portugal. We left the country having wonderful new friends, a perfect recipe for bacalhau, and tons of great memories. Thank you NOVA for hosting us!"