

### **Personal Experience Report**

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#### How did your traineeship influence your personal development?

The time I spent in Switzerland was indeed a rewarding experience for me both from a professional and a personal perspective, during which I could realize my career interests while daring myself out of comfort zones to go in search of finding what I value the most in my life.

During my work I realized my potential and passion towards the field of tech management, consequently being accepted to ETH Zurich to pursue my higher studies. A dream comes true for me. In addition to professional life I travelled a lot, in fact to more than 20 European countries!

All in all, I hold the firm conviction that my experience in Switzerland was indeed life changing and for that I am forever grateful to everyone who played pivotal roles in shaping it to be an extraordinary one.

#### What was the most valuable thing you learned from a Swiss colleague at work?

My line manager was an exemplary tech person, mentor, manager and a friendly work colleague. I learnt numerous technical aspects related to programing and soft skills in general such as leadership and time management skills.







# What was the most special food you had during your stay?

I enjoyed the Swiss traditional dishes Fondue and Raclette very much.

## What was your general experience with IAESTE in Switzerland like?

In my opinion, IAESTE Switzerland is well organized and functions really smoothly with dedicated officials and enthusiastic members. This undoubtedly makes the experience of incoming trainees super awesome. I really appreciate the efforts taken by IAESTE Switzerland to make trainees familiar with Swiss culture and traditions throughout their stay.