

# Meet the ULissers

# Alba Sanchez Coria



## Activity 1

### Meet the ULisser **Alba Sanchez Coria**

- **Name**

**Alba Sanchez Coria**

- **Date of birth**

**5/09/1998**

- **Home country**

**Germany**

- **University in which he/she is enrolled**

**Technical University of Darmstadt**

- **Current (and eventually) past study programmes**

**Environmental Engineering (B.Sc)**

- **Favorite hobby**

**Doing Macrame (new found hobby in pandemic)**

- **Favorite book and writer**

**Los besos en el pan (eng. Kisses on bread)**

- **Favorite music artist (or band)**

**Jason Mraz**

- **One relevant personal characteristic**

**Speaks german and spanish as mother tongue**

- **Something you have in common**

**We are both in the last semester of our bachelors degree.**



# Alexandra Azevedo

Candidate: Roberta Busca

Colleague: Alexandra Azevedo

For the first ULisses course activity I met Alexandra Azevedo. We had the chance to talk a lot about our respective passions which resulted to be similar.

She is born in 1996 and is currently at the end of her MSc program in Applied Marine Biology at University of Cape Town. She had the chance to travel a lot. Born in the US, she grew up spending summers in Portugal and studying abroad. Before focusing her studies on Marine Biology, she widened her knowledge of Natural Sciences taking a BSc on Environmental Earth Science and Sustainability.

The aim of creating a more sustainable world, starting from reducing impact of our farming practices is one of the aspects we have in common.

Her favorite book is "Sapiens" by Yuval Noah Harari, but she loves reading books during the winter in general, when she cannot practice her favorite water activities such as snorkeling and scuba diving.

Passionated about plants and animals, I think she will appreciate the book I suggested her "My Family and Other Animals" by Gerald Durrell.

We both love rock music and cooking, better if these two are done at the same time.

I think this program represents a good opportunity to start future collaborations. Since we realized our passions for organic farming and travelling are really close, we decided to continue our discussion also outside the platform.



*Figure 1. Alexandra doing scuba diving :)*

# Alice Gomes Teixeira

## Activity 1 - Meet the ULissers



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| <b>Name</b>                                 | Alice Joao Martins Rogado Gomes  |
| <b>Date of Birth</b>                        | 3.11.1998  |
| <b>Home Country</b>                         | Portugal (Aveiro)  |
| <b>University in which she is enrolled</b>  | University of Lisbon   |
| <b>Current/past study programmes</b>        | Design for Sustainability/Biology  |
| <b>Favorite Hobby</b>                       | Drawing, Origami, Cooking  |
| <b>Favorite Book</b>                        | Not decided yet  |
| <b>Favorite Music artist or Band</b>        | Matt Maltese   |
| <b>One relevant personal characteristic</b> | Joking around  |
| <b>Something you have in common</b>         | Playing the Oboe, studied Biology, desire to work in the field of sustainability |

**Ana Cristina Vítor**

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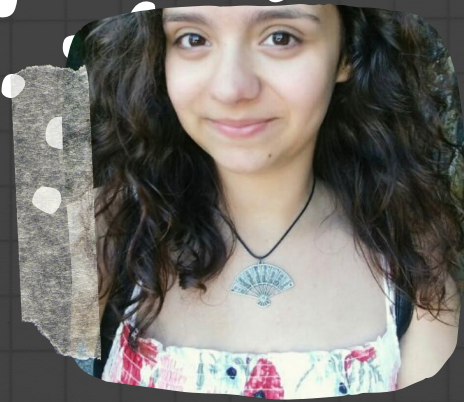
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| <b>Name</b>                             | Ana Cristina Vítor   |
| <b>Date of birth</b>                    | 29.05.1994   |
| <b>Home country</b>                     | Portugal   |
| <b>University currently enrolled</b>    | University of Lisbon and Queen's University in Belfast                                       |
| <b>Current study program</b>            | Ph.D. in Veterinary Medicine   |
| <b>Past study program</b>               | MSc in Veterinary Medicine   |
| <b>Favourite hobby</b>                  | Currently scuba diving   |
| <b>Favourite book and writer</b>        | Murakami – 'Sputnik Sweetheart'  |
| <b>Favourite music artist (or band)</b> | Indie rock – current favourite band are 'The Temples'  |
| <b>Personal characteristics</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curious</li><li>• Sensitive</li><li>• Kind</li></ul> |
| <b>What do we have in common?</b>       | Curiosity  |

# Ana Cristina Domingos





# ANA DOMINGOS

ULISSES PROJECT'S ASSIGNMENT 1

## MEET THE ULISSEER

My colleague for this assignment is Ana Domingos. She was born on November 12, 1999 in Portugal. Nowadays she lives in Lisbon but she's originally from Elvas.

## PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Ana is currently studying Bachelor's in Biochemistry at Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (FCUL), and just like me, she is passionate by the sea since she was a kid. :)

## RANDOM INTERESTS

### ANA

- Kpop
- Cpop

### NAYANA

- Photography
- Listening to music
- Amy Lee
- Evanescence
- 80's music
- sea lover
- José Saramago

- Indie Rock
- Rap
- Brazilian Funk



# Ana Mafalda Carvalho

## Introduction

- Name: Ana Mafalda Gil de Carvalho
- Date of birth: 17th September 1997
- Home country: Portugal
- University: Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (FCUL)
- Studies: Marine Sciences MSc (FCUL)

Post-graduate in Animals and Society (Social Sciences Institute- ICS)

BSc in Biology (Superior Institute of Agronomy - ISA)

- Favorite hobby: Enjoying nature
- Favorite book: Some we love, some we hate, some we eat – Hal Herzog
- Favorite band: The Neighbourhood
- Personal Characteristic: Determined
- Something we have in common: We both have a dog. Mafalda's dog is called Zuke, while mine is called Dobby



# Ana Patrícia Veloso

## MEET ANA PATRICIA VELOSO



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| Name                             | Ana Patrícia Veloso                           |
| Date of birth                    | 13-06-1999                                    |
| Home country                     | Portugal                                      |
| University                       | University of Portugal                        |
| Study degree                     | Bachelor in Territory Planning and Management |
| Hobbies:                         | Cooking, listening to music and travelling    |
| Favorite music artist            | Maroon 5                                      |
| Relevant personal characteristic | Likes to study                                |
| Something in common              | We both like to sleep in                      |

# Bárbara Lemos Ribeiro



## ULisses – Activity I – Meet the ULissers

- Name: Bárbara Melo de Lemos Ribeiro
- Date of birth: 24/08/2001
- Home country: Portugal
- University in which he/she is enrolled: Instituto Superior Técnico from the University of Lisbon
- Current (and eventually) past study programmes: 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate student in Mechanical Engineering
- Favorite hobby: playing tennis (she is part of the tennis team from Técnico), hanging out and going for a walk with friends (even if she has to wear a mask! 😊)
- Favorite book: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's The Little Prince. Why? Because, even though it is considered a children's book, it contains value life lessons for everyone such as to value the small and simple things in life instead of material things -> "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye".
- Favorite writer: Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen. Why? Because not only is she a gifted writer but Bárbara identifies with some of the main themes present in her work such as the sea, islands, green/nature.
- Favorite music artist (or band): it depends on her mood: Queen and Jamie Cullum, for when she is feeling with lots of energy; and Rui Massena when she is feeling a bit more mellow.
- One relevant personal characteristic: Passionate about learning how do things work and interested in sustainability topics and how can we take care of our planet.
- Something you have in common: We both love Queen 😊 Also we are both curious and share a common interest in science and sustainability.

And now I present to you mini-Bárbara playing in the park 😊:





# Beatriz Caetano

# Beatriz Silva Caetano

24th of June 1999



**Home country:** Portugal, Lisbon, Cascais

**University:** University of Lisbon, at the School of Agriculture (Instituto Superior de Agronomia)

**Current study programme:** Beatriz is a graduate in Food Science and Engineering. Since she really enjoyed this field of work she is now pursuing the Master's degree with the same name.

**Favorite hobby:** Beatriz likes to be outdoors and travel around to see new places, whether it's being on vacation, going to the beach to see the ocean, going on a small road trip with friends or simply taking her dog out for a walk.

**Favorite book and writer:** She is not sure if she has a favorite book or writer!

**Favorite music artist or band:** Her favorite band is Time for T.

**One relevant characteristic:** During college Beatriz discovered she is quite a perfectionist.

**Something we have in common:** I am also a *perfectionist*, although I have been this way my whole life. Beatriz has been *vegetarian* for about 2 years now, for both the animals' sake and for the environment, and I am (about 95%) vegetarian for the same reasons. We also both like to *travel* and both enjoy visiting historical places and monuments that might reveal new insights to the country. Both enjoy the *sun* and going to the *beach*, however Portugal is a much more beneficial country to live in than Sweden in this regard. We also both enjoy doing *sports*. In college Beatriz played volleyball and every Saturday morning she goes kick-boxing. She also likes to play tennis with friends and go paddle boarding at the beach. I used to dance and play tennis but nowadays I am into indoor climbing. Finally, we both like spending time in the *kitchen*, although I prefer to cook and Beatriz prefers to bake.

# Beatriz Lopes

**Beatriz Pereira Lopes** was born the **6th of January 2000** in **Cascais, Portugal**, where she lives. She was studying physics before her degree in **Meteorology, Oceanography and Geophysics** at the **University of Lisbon**, and she was in a summer studying program about **particle physics**.

As me, she couldn't choose a favorite hobby because she has many, but if she had to choose she would say **going out with her dog** or **walking** throw beautiful cities as Oporto.

One of her favorite books is **O caderno de mayo**, written by Isabel allende, and one of her favorite writers could be **Mia Couto**. Besides, her favorite artist is **Miguel Araújo**, a portuguese singer.

One personal characteristic which she pointed at was that she's very **hard-working** and she do her best in whatever she gets into.

Talking to each other, we realized we have a lot in common! We both practice **dance** before university and we really love to dance. We also love to get out with our dogs and go **walking or running** with them, and we share a wide interest in **ecology**.

It's been really nice to meet Beatriz!



# Bruna Pires

## Assignment 1 – Meet the ULissers

**Name:** Bruna Pires

**Date of birth:** 16/02/2001

**Home country:** Portugal

**University:** Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (FCUL)

**Study program:** Degree in Biochemistry

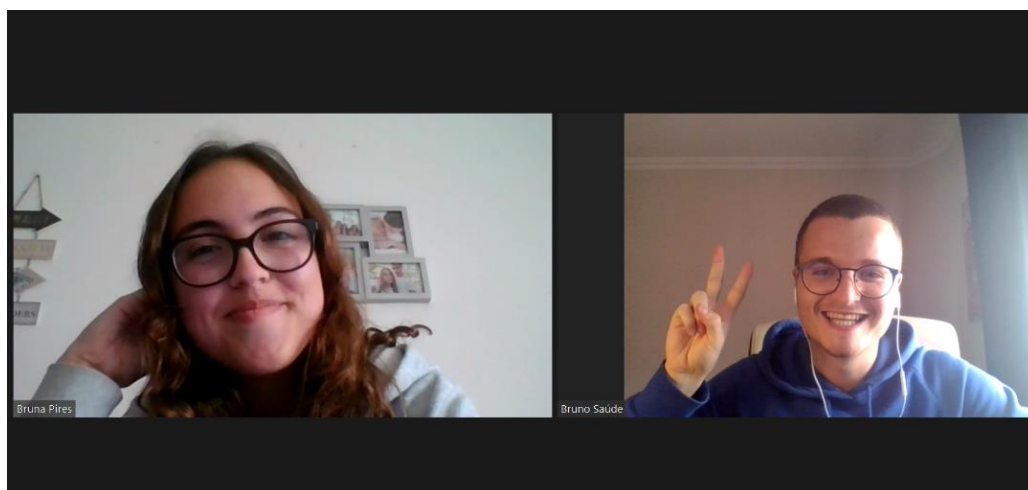
**Favourite hobby:** Badminton

**Favourite book and writer:** Harry Potter, J. K. Rowling

**Favourite artist:** Ed Sheeran

**One relevant personal characteristic:** Shy and introverted

**Common characteristic:** Glasses box (caixinha de óculos)



# Bruno Daniel Saúde

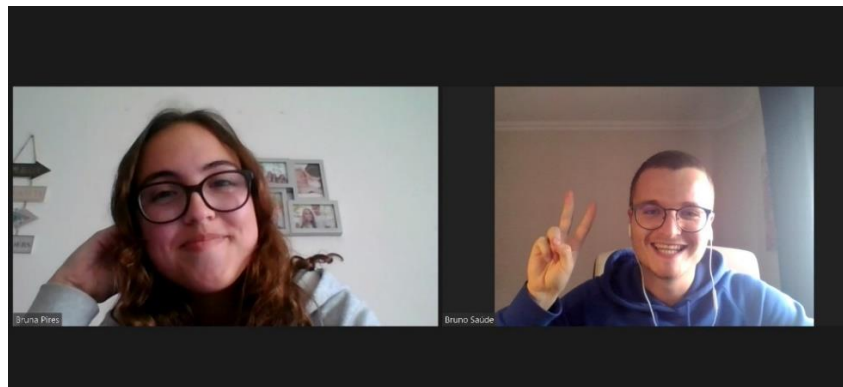


## Activity 1 – Meet the Ulisses

Hi, I'm Bruna and I'm here to present my colleague from the ULisses project. His name is Bruno Saúde and he was born, in Portugal, on August thirteen of 1999, what makes him a boy who is 21 years old now. He studies at Instituto Superior Técnico of the University of Lisbon and he is currently taking a master in Industrial Engineering and Management.

In fact, I found out that his favourite hobby is practising sports and that his favourite book is called "Secrets Of The Millionaire Mind" by T. Harv Eker. Bruno's favorite band are Coldplay (I also like them very much) and one relevant personal characteristic of him is that he is really into entrepreneurship.

While we were talking, Bruno and I discovered that we both use glasses full time, so we decided to call our eyeglass cases (caixinhas de óculos in Portuguese). Here is one photo of our virtual meeting:



Finally, here it goes a fun old photograph of him:



Bruna Pires

Lisbon, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021



# Carla Rodriguez Justicia

# Carla Rodriguez



Carla was born on April 9<sup>th</sup> of 1997 and she is from Barcelona, Spain.

Carla is studying Marine Sciences and Technologies in the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, currently working on her thesis on CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation with marine fertilization.

Before her degree she studied marine biology.

Her favourite hobbies are diving, running with her dog and snowboarding.

Carla loves poetry and her favourite book is *El sexa de la rise*, by Irene X. Her favourite writer is Rupert Sheldrake because she loves the different perspective about life that Sheldrake offers to his readers.

Her favourite artist is Jorja Smith.

As a personal characteristic, she is very sensitive and can connect with people very easily. This quality makes her care a lot about the environmental issues.

We have a lot in common! We are animal lovers, like to dance and love ecology!

# Carolina Mariano

## Activity 1

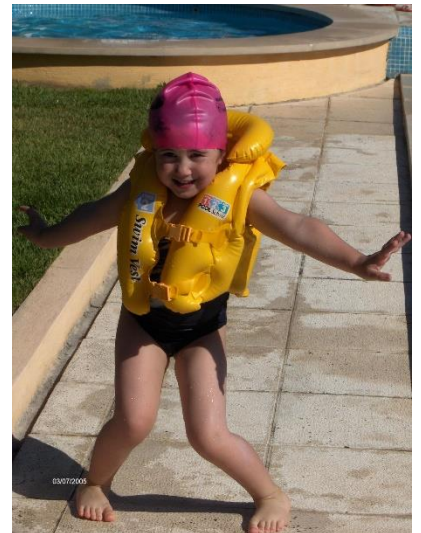
Inês Ferreira Mendes

### Meet the ULissers

#### **My fellow ULisser:**

- Name: Carolina Vitorino Mariano
- Date of birth: 18/04/2001
- Home country: Portugal
- University in which he/she is enrolled: faculty of science, university of lisbon
- Current (and eventually) past study programmes: biochemistry
- Favorite hobby: walk the dog
- Favorite book and writer: “metamorphose” - Franz kafka
- Favorite music artist (or band): Frank Ocean
- One relevant personal characteristic: very organized
- Something you have in common:

The love for biology and animals in general. We have also in common the desire to travel a lot.



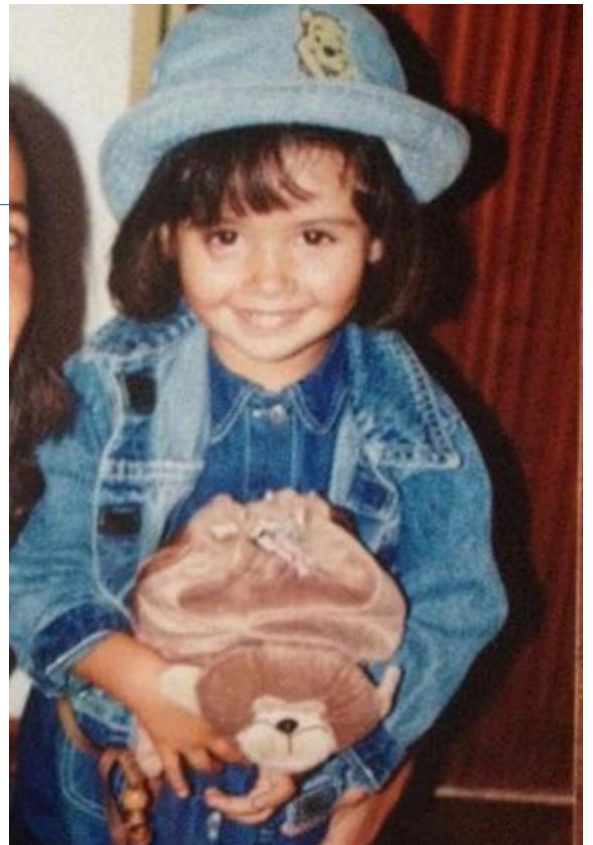
# Catarina Ramos da Silva



Ulisses – 1st assignment  
**CATARINA RAMOS DA SILVA**

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| Date of birth:                        | 2/10/1998  |
| Home country:                         | Portugal   |
| University in which she is enrolled:  | Universidade de Lisboa –<br>University of Lisbon   |
| Current study programmes:             | Bachelor in geology, minor in biology both in the faculty of science   |
| Favourite hobby:                      | Likes to needle, to surf, exercises in general, goes for walks and loves to travel.  |
| Favourite book and writer:            | Her favourite book is “The fall of giants” from Ken Follet. She does not have a favourite writer but has been reading Chico Buarque’s books during the quarantine. |
| Favourite music artist (or band):     | She does not have a favourite artist, it depends on her mood. She has been hearing the Growlers a lot however.   |
| One relevant personal characteristic: | She is a very outgoing person.   |
| Something you have in common:         | We both want to know more and learn how to create a positive impact in the world.  |



# Catarina Macedo



# ULisser's Profile

**Catarina Zorro Nobre Mesquita Macedo**



**Birthday**

**08/08/2000**

**Home country**

**Portugal**

**Favourite hobby**

**Drawing**

**Education**

**BSc in Biochemistry, University  
of Lisbon - Faculty of Sciences**

**Favorite book and writer**

**"The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**Favorite music artist (or band)**

**Frank Ocean and JID**

**One relevant personal characteristic**

**Loves to learn about foreign cultures, mostly by consuming their media,  
like tv shows, movies, and music.**

**Something we have in common:**

**Peaky Blinders is our favourite TV Series**



# Daniel Crispim

# Activity 1- Meet the Ulissers



*Daniel Filipe Grilo Crispim*



**Born:** 23/04/2000 in Portugal



**University and current study programmes:** Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon | Biochemistry



**Favorite Hobby:** Playing the Guitar/Listening to music



**Favorite book and writer:** Norwegian Wood by Haruki Murakami



**Favorite music artist (or band):** Arctic Monkeys/Foo Fighters/Muse



**One relevant personal characteristic:** He values empathy and honesty a lot and considers himself a very perseverant person.



**Something you have in common:** we both studied in Faculty of Sciences , cheer for the same football club and would like to go for an intrarail in Italy

# David Richter



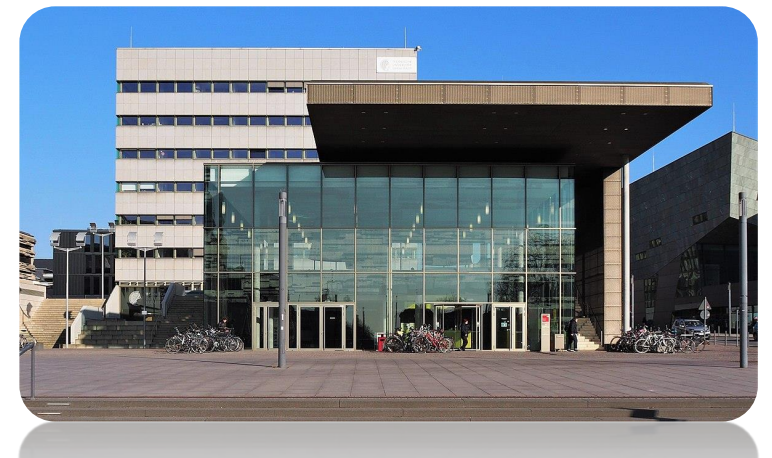
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**David Richter by Filipa Pires**

# David Richter



- **Date of birth:** 21th of July 90
- **Home Country:** Germany
- **University:** Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany



# Current and past study programmes

- Civil-/environmental engineering, master (at Darmstadt)
- Civil-/environmental engineering, bachelor (at Darmstadt)
- Technical environmental protection, bachelor (at Berlin)





# Favorit's of David

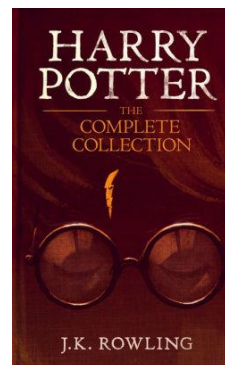
## Hobbie

- Bouldering (free climbing)



## Book and Writer

- Harry Potter collection by J.K. Rowling



## Band

- The Killers



## Relevant personal characteristic

- Night owl (a person that likes to be active at night)



## Something we have in common

- Both care about the environment





**The END**



# Diogo Rodrigues

## ACTIVITY 1 – MEET THE ULISSERS

**Name: Júlia Eduarda Coelho**

My partner for this activity is Diogo Alexandre Magalhães Rodrigues and he was born in 30/06/2000. His home country is Portugal and is currently studying Biology at FCUL – Faculdade de Ciências of the University of Lisbon.

Diogo's favorite hobby is Football, not just to play, but also to watch, analyze, etc. He likes to draw and dive as well, being capable to pay a lot of money just to travel and go diving somewhere.

He doesn't read that much, but really likes the book "12 rules for life" by Jordan Peterson, and his favorite author is Júlio Verne. He loves Hip-Hop, and his favorite music artist is Valete.

Diogo describes himself as a person who is emotionally strong, who can understand other people's view, is a good listener, doesn't overreact and is just trying to spread some positive vibes, being this his relevant characteristic.

There is a few things that Diogo and I have in common: both of us have been operated when we were kids, and don't remember anything; both of us visited Hungary; and had Biology as our favorite subject in school, even tho that was not our best grade.



# Elin Ekstrom

## Meet Elin Ekström

The colleague I've been associated with for this assignment is **Elin Ekström**. As we started to get to know one another, I knew that she was going to be really fun to write about.

As I said before, her name is Elin Ekström and she's a 1,65 m girl from Stockholm, Sweden with a guilty pleasure for chips (she can't go a week without it!). She is 23 years old and was born on the 26th of August 1997. Elin speaks three languages: Swedish, English and French. Currently she's in the third and final year of her bachelor's in Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure, at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology at the School of Industrial Engineering and Management. Elin is thinking of taking a master's in the same area, a master's with the same name of her bachelor's, and in the future eventually specializing more towards water technology.



Elin's favorite hobby is climbing (mostly bouldering) and spending time outdoors! She sometimes likes to practise her French with friends since she loves languages and especially French. In her free time Elin likes to do artsy and creative things like painting. She also likes cooking!

As for a favorite book, Elin said that she had a bit of a hard time picking a favorite one, but she told me that she loved reading *Le Petit Prince* as she was starting to learn French. She found it quite philosophical. Related to music, one of Elin's favorite band is the duo Angus and Julia Stone who plays some mix of folk and indie pop music.

Like me, Elin is a huge perfectionist. She has been a perfectionist all her life. She's also a creative person, or at least she says that she likes doing creative things.

One of the many things we have (and might have) in common is our taste in music! We both like calm indie-folk music. Another thing we have in common is that we're both perfectionists, and also that we love the outdoors! We love being outdoors and doing fun activities. We both love travelling, being in the sun and listening to music (not necessary at the same time 😊).

I was so lucky to meet Elin!! She has been such a kind person in all the messages we've changed. She seems such a fun girl! I love the fact that she climbs!! I had never thought of that as a sport, only like an activity/hobby a person can do... I also loved that I got associated with a foreign student because this way I get to practise my English and learn things about Sweden, the people and the mentality there. I hope with this brief assignment you found Elin to be a great person as I did, and I can't wait to meet her.

I wish her all the luck.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Caetano

# Elisabet Miralles



## ULisses Activity 1

My partner for this first activity of ULisses was Elisabet Verger Miralles, born at 1<sup>st</sup> January of 1999 in Spain. She is currently studying Marine Science and Technologies at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya. After talking to Elisabet, she told me that her favourite hobbies included dance, music, cars and sea. Her favourite book and writer is Patria by Fernando Aramburu, but it was very difficult to decide. Her favourite music band is Proclaimers. She is very emphatic and perfectionist and with our conversation, we found out that we both are very perfectionistic and we both enjoy music a lot.

Here is an old photo of her!





# Elisabete Valente

## Activity 1 – “Meet the Uliissers”

Paper by Inês Ferreira

My Uliisser is Elisabete Valente and she was born in 23/02/1981 in Portugal. We are both from the University of Lisbon, currently she’s taking a PhD in Marine Science but already graduated from a Master’s degree also in Marine Science. One of her favourite hobbies is hiking which is also one of my favourite things to do, combining exercise with beautiful views especially near the beach. “The invention of yesterday” by Tamim Ansary is one of her favourite books which seemed very interesting and Shugo Tokumaru is her favourite music artist. She enjoys different experiences and learning something new alongside them. Something that we have in common aside from the love and appreciation for the sea is travelling and experience new cultures and places we never been.

The photo shared below was taken in Hawai on Mauii island. In this specific beach were a lot of turtles throughout the coast and Elisabete had the opportunity to swim with them. Because the tourism started to get interest in this location some organizations were there to protect them.

Elisabete with a beautiful turtle



# Filipa Pires

# Filipa Coelho Pires

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- Home country: Portugal
- Date of birth: 22 September 1999
- Enrolled in: Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon
- Past study programmes:
  - Project INSPIRED 2021 (Darmstadt)
  - Biochemistry, degree (FCUL)
- Favorite hobby: Handwork/painting)
- Favorite book and writer: „To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee
- Favorite music: AC/DC
- One relevant personal characteristic: Beeing patient
- Something you have in common: We care about the environment

# Francisco Coelho de Almeida



## FRANCISCO DOMINGOS COELHO DE ALMEIDA PROFILE



June 14th 1998



Portugal



University of Lisbon, Instituto Superior de Agronomia  
(ISA), School of Agriculture

### Current (and eventually) past study programmes:

- MSc (current) – Food Science and Engineering
- BSc – Cookery and Food Production

### Favorites



Cooking



1984, George Orwell



Red Hot Chilli Peppers

### One relevant personal characteristic:

I like to learn new things from other subjects and apply them to my studies or personal interests (ie. coding)

### Something we have in common:

We both love Peaky Blinders (TV Series).

# Francisco Cortez



# Francisco Cortez

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## Who's Francisco?

Francisco is an Ulisser from Coruche, a village in the countryside in the centre of Portugal. He is currently studying bioengineering at the University of Lisbon.

He really loves nature, the sea, natural ecosystems, how the nature balances itself and how we – humankind – fit in it. This is what lead him to choose his field of studies.

## Which are his interests and hobbies?

As already said above, Francisco is really into nature and loves exploring the wilderness. His favourite hobbies are diving and photography and his favourite book is *"Adventures of a young naturalist"* from David Attenborough.

If he had to choose his favourite writer, he would go for Gabriel García Márquez. He really likes, in fact, his unique style, full of exaggerations, stories of simple and ordinary people who have to face upheavals which completely change their lives.

For what concerns his favourite music artist, well, he doesn't have one. He listens to music according to his mood and he likes to vary and to find out new artists.



29th November 1999



Coruche  
Portugal

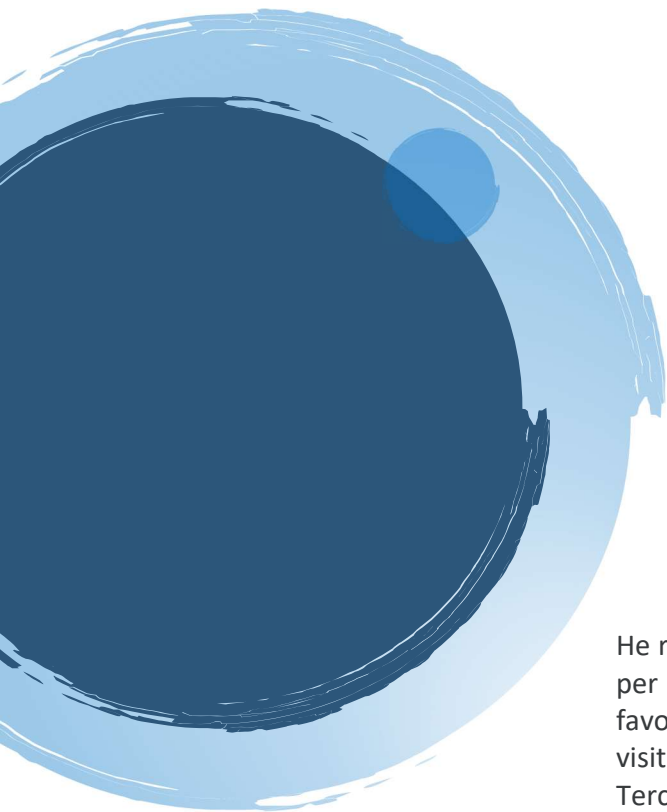


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Lisboa



Bioengineering





He really loves travelling and he always goes to Azores at least once per year... which better destination for a lover of the nature whose favourite hobby is diving? He goes there since he was a child and he visited almost all the islands – Pico, Faial, Flores, Corvo, Sao Jorge and Terceira.

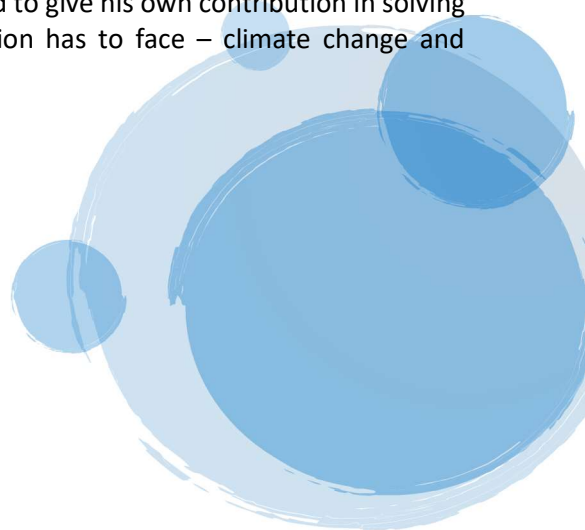
His future destinations will be for sure South America around Amazonia (Brazil, Peru, Colombia), Mexico (to see the Maya's ruins), Galapagos (on the steps of Charles Darwin), Kenya and Tanzania (or somewhere in Africa where you can do a Safari) and Asia. Yes, you understood correctly, almost anywhere!

### **What do we have in common?**

Francisco is a really cheerful and talkative guy. It was a nice surprise to find out that I was “associated” to him and we had the possibility to get to know each other – I really hope that we'll have the possibility to meet in person in the second phase of the project and I'm looking forward to it!

I personally identify myself in his attitude towards the world and his way of facing the problems which arise sometimes in life. In fact, he is a positive person, which usually helps in solving difficulties faster and more efficiently – not to talk about the fact that it preserves your mental stability.

Moreover, he is enchanted by the beauty of the natural world, wishing to travel as much as possible and to give his own contribution in solving the problems that our generation has to face – climate change and pollution.



# Hanna Hahn

# Activity 1- Meet the ULissers

Hanna Hahn is a 22 years old girl, born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 1998, in Germany, who didn't have much difficulty as a child to learn how to write her own name, afterall it only has 3 different letters. Despite, of course, the fact that her middle name is Serena – because, as she said herself, middle names have no other use than to just exist.



She is one of the great exceptions nowadays, a young adult who is completely disconnected from social medias. And it is not only the cellphone's screen that she avoids; TV series and movies for her are also a waste of time. That's why her hobbies are hanging out with friends, going out to enjoy nature, cooking dinner along with or for her friends, doing sports, especially Basketball, and spending time with her family. In her perception, a better use of time includes choosing to walk her sister's dog out instead of reading, so she doesn't read a lot. Despite that, there are two books that marked her life: "Ein denkendes Herz", by Susanna Tamaro, and "Carpe Diem".

Currently, Hanna is taking her master's degree at TU Darmstadt in Civil Engineering with focus on Water Engineering. Her bachelor degree in Civil Engineering, instead, was taken at the University of Duisburg-Essen, and she graduated in the summer semester in 2020. All of those changes in her life were possible because of the person she is, always open to meet new people, communicative and eager to help those who need. She's also very self-critical and that makes her someone who's always trying to improve and grow with her experiences. Besides that, she knows how to enjoy life and she laughs a lot.

We have found much in common, although much in difference as well. We both don't have a favorite artist or music style and we think that is much more a matter of specific songs than musicians in general. She thinks that as good as any artist can be, he or she always has one good song but also a bad one, and I couldn't agree more. In her case, songs like "Cold Feet" from Loud Luxury, "Sunshine from Matisyahu" or "oft gefragt" from AnneMayKantereit are the best.

Besides that assemblance, we also agreed that knowledge isn't just a matter of boxes you try to fit yourself in, but something way more embracing. The struggles that comes with being bilingual and our desire to live the moment without regrets are a similarity as well. Nonetheless, I've found in her a courage that I wish I could have, that one necessary for traveling alone. Perhaps she also found that in myself, though, as she got surprised with how young I went to live so far from home to study abroad. Maybe, and just maybe, our courage have different covers, but the same essence. In that same thought, I could say that her love for the cold weather and little resistance for warm places are also just another side of what happens to me, the opposite: freezing by the temperature of 10 degrees, and completely used to 30. And I could go on: she is tall (1.78m) and I am short (1.60m) but we share the same frustration when shopping by not finding anything that seems to be made for us.

All of those informations demonstrated to myself the possibility of meeting someone out of a sudden and still finding so much in common and so much to talk about. Hanna Hahn is a girl whose name has a funny sonority and that I had the plesure to talk to someday, thanks to ULisses.

# Inês Ferreira

# Inês Oliveira Gil

## Activity 1 - Meet the Ulissers

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Inês de Oliveira Gil

Date of birth → 17th July 2000

Home country → Portugal

University of Lisbon

Current study program → Biochemistry

Favorite hobby → Both cooking and exercising

Favorite book and writer → *If this is a man* by Primo Levi  
and James Patterson

Favorite music artist (or band) → Rex Orange County

One relevant personal characteristic → Optimism



Something we have in common → We are both very committed with our projects and the perfectionism we put in each action. Plus, we share a deep love for music



# Inês Mendes

## Assignment 1 – ULisses – Carolina Mariano

My partner for this assignment is **Inês Ferreira Mendes**. Inês is a lovely 21-year-old girl, born on 16 November 1999. She is currently living in Portugal and enrolled in IGOT (Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território, Lisbon). At the moment, Inês is studying for a master's degree in Physical Geography and Spatial Planning, in IGOT, where she got her Bachelor of Geography beforehand.

Inês' favorite hobby is travelling, and she told me she did an Interrail Trip around some European countries in 2019. Although Inês is more used to read scientific articles for her studies, her favorite book is *Prisioneiros da Geografia*, written by Tim Marshall, her favorite writer. Lately, Inês is really keen on listening to Slow J, a Portuguese rapper, who is her current favorite music artist.

Finally, Inês considers herself a talkative person and me, being as chatty as she, we had the perfect opportunity to get to know a little bit of each other's story, and I am honored for that. During our conversation, Inês and I found out we have a common interest in Biology. As I have a dog and Inês owns a cat, we also agreed we love our pets and their company, thus they are very important to undergo these tough times.

Ending our little chat, Inês and I shared some old photos, which made us laugh a lot, and here is the photo she sent me:



I hope you enjoyed knowing my fellow ULisser as much as I did!

# Inês Amaral



HELLO, ULISSERS! MY NAME IS

# Inês Amaral

Beatriz Nobre, my assigned partner is going to present me and share some facts and curiosities about me!  
I am suuuper excited to meet the rest of the ULissers!!

# **I'm from Portugal and I'm currently studying in Lisbon, University of Lisbon**

I'm enrolled in the Faculty of Sciences studying Biochemistry! Only one year left to be Licensed, but I still have two years of Masters Degree ahead :D

# Fast Facts About Me



## Full name

Inês Patrícia Miranda Amaral



## Born in 11th november of 1998

Holiday of St. Martinho in Portugal, known for the autumn party full of roasted chestnuts and drinks like "água pé" and "jeropiga"



## Thrilled about ULisses

Since I have a big passion for nature and the environment, ever since I joined ULisses I'm feeling really excited about this journey





**I live in Lisbon.**

**MORE IN THE OUTSKIRTS, NEAR "PARQUE DAS NAÇÕES"**

# Some curiosities

Aspects and other things about me for you to know...

## Favorite hobbies and activities

Recently found out the pleasure to workout at home and started to learn box! Among other things I love to cook, to do puzzles, watch movies, series and documentaries specially about important erudite figures! I also enjoy to do bricolage and some crafts and if it is while being sunny, the better!

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## Favorite book and writer

Can't really choose! Currently I enjoy to "learn" through reading, so more about self-help and how-to books and definitely about health and lifestyle and the book that came to my mind is "The feelings of the intestine" about deintoxication for physical and mental well-being

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## Favourite music artist

I think I don't have a favorite genre or artist as well, I can enjoy anything that comes by! (ok maybe not heavy metal neither heavy eletro music ahah)

But since classic, to old, to new, I enjoy it all maybe with special love for Sam SMith and Ed Sheeran. I don't have any band in particular that I love, but used to be in love with One Direction, 30 Seconds to Mars, Linkin Park, around those!

# PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

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## Down to earth

I consider myself rational and I ponder a lot when facing certain situations

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## Selfless

I have a lot the will to help the others and hope that I can do even more volunteering activities in the future

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## Nature enthusiast

I love nature and animals so I'm trying to see what I can directly impact with my actions and taking some steps in this journey for a better environment

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## Summer Lover

Whenever it's summer I feel like I am at my best state! I live for the sun and love the beach

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## Well-being

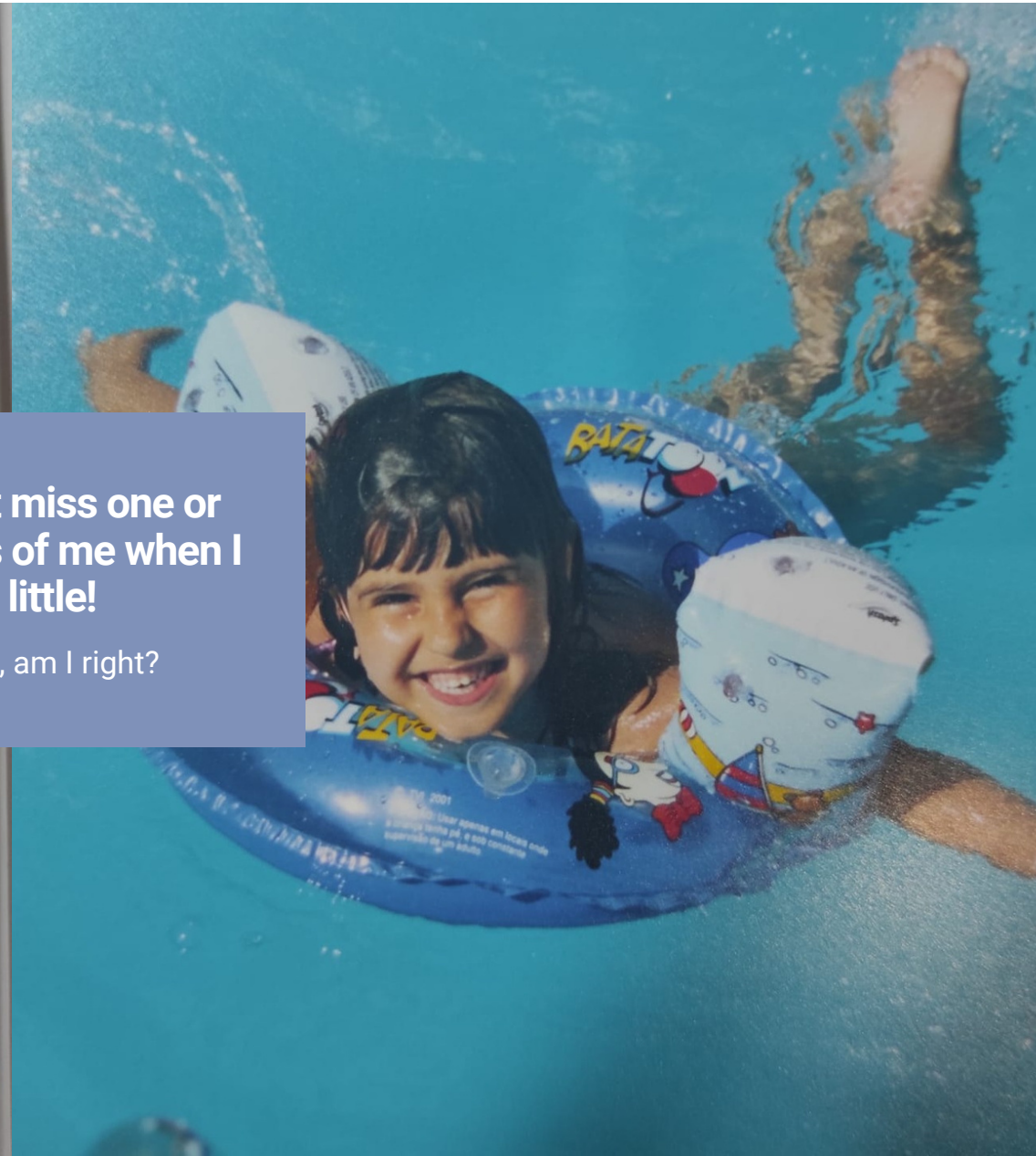
Really passionate about this matter, so I'm really trying to learn and invest in physical and mental well-being!





**And it can't miss one or  
two pictures of me when I  
was little!**

Charming, am I right?



# Things in common with my partner!

Me and Beatriz actually found out we have more than a couple of things in common :D

## Boy-band lovers

We actually shared this huge passion for One Direction back in the day in our teenager years and attended both the concerts without even knowing each other!!

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## Disney movies fans!

Whether old movies or new movies from Disney and Pixar, we watched them all... multiple times xD and looove all of them! Ever since childhood till now!

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## Nature enthusiasts

Well we did meet each other in a project that the main focus is sustainability and preserving the ecosystems so we kind of saw it coming ahah

# Thank you for getting to know me!

I'm grateful for the warm welcome and excited for what there is still yet to come!



# Irina Popescu

## Assignment 1

- **Name** : Iria Popescu
- **Date of birth** : 12th April 1997
- **Home country** : Italy (Moldovian origins)
- **University in which she is enrolled** : Politecnico of Turin (Erasmus in University

of Coimbra)

- **Current (and eventually) past study programmes** : Bachelor in energy engineering (currently doing master in renewable energy systems)
- **Favorite hobby** : hiking, travelling, meeting people of different cultures and ideas
- **Favorite book and writer** : doesn't have one, but recent readings that marked her for their meaning are "The elegance of the hedgehog" (by Muriel Barbery) and "The catcher in the Rye" (by J. D. Salinger). Also, doesn't have a favorite author because that is not something that influences her book choice as she usually looks for suggestions from others.
- **Favorite music artist (or band)**: Likes to vary depending on the mood and period. Pop, rock, jazz and classical music. Even rap has been a pleasant discovery lately (influenced by her flatmates in Coimbra).
- **One relevant personal characteristic**: ability to swing from a childish/crazy behaviour to a super responsible one in no time if needed. Doesn't like to take herself too seriously, if not necessary.
- **Something we have in common**: we both like nature and hiking, are interested in the environment and we both have a varied taste in music. We also want to do something abroad in Europe after doing our master. We both read "One hundred years of solitude" and liked it a lot.

By Francisco Cortez



*Little Irina taking a bath in a bucket, because...why not, it has water!*

# Jéssica Abreu

# Meet the Ulisser...

## Jéssica Cristina Faria Abreu!!!

Jéssica was born in Portugal on June the 25<sup>th</sup>, 1997. Nowadays, she spends most of her time working towards a Master's Degree in Food Engineering at the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon, in Tapada da Ajuda...



School of Agriculture University of Lisbon.



Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon.

In her free time, Jéssica doesn't enjoy reading that much but she is an active music listener! Some of her favorite artists are Chet Faker, Cage the Elephant and also one of my favorite bands, Arctic Monkeys! Her favorite hobby is going for outdoor walks since it's a great way to reduce stress and get some fresh air. She considers herself easy-going, adventurous and creative. We also support the same sports team, Benfica!

... but she got her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, where I am currently finishing my Bachelor's



# Ulisses

**Jiaxuan Zhang**

# Joana Soares

# Activity 1: Presentation Joana Soares

Malena Trost

April 2, 2021

I had the real pleasure of getting to know Joana Soares who is studying at ULisboa. She is doing a masters degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, that includes a Bachelor and a Master degree in five years in one career. She is in the fourth year now and plans to pass 3 months of Erasmus in Germany for her Master thesis.

Her date of birth is the 18th of February 1999 and she is living in Barreiro close to Lisbon and also comes originally from Portugal.

Writing about our hobbies I discovered that we actually have a lot of things in common: Joana also loves to do sports, for example swimming (what I also do a lot) or, now that everything is closed, going for walks. We're both very fond of the nature and being outside. We also both like reggeaton and for now her favourite artist is Bad Bunny. Concerning her favourite literature she seems to like classic literature, because on the one hand, she really liked "Dracula" by Bram Stoker and on the other hand "100 years of solitude" by Gabriel García Marquez.

Another important similarity between the two of us is that we both like to learn new languages. We both speak English, Spanish and French and a bit of Italian. Her mother tongue is Portuguese and mine is German, but I also speak a bit of Portuguese and she is currently learning German.

One relevant personal characteristic about her is her positivity and good mood: She really tries to live a happy life as much as possible.





Figure 1: Joana at Carnival

# Joana Dias de Almeida

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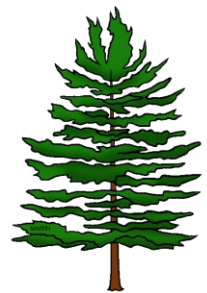
## Assignment 1: Meet the ulisser Joana Dias de Almelda

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Joana is 20 years old and lives in Sintra in Portugal. Her birthday is on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. Currently, she is doing her bachelor studies in biochemistry at the university of Lisbon. After she finishes her bachelors, she would like to study environmental technology for her masters.



In her free time, Joana enjoys being in nature taking walks, going camping, listening to music and sewing. An important personal characteristic of her is her creativity, which also helps her as she is a scout. The picture on the left shows Joana (7 years old) at her scout ceremony, receiving her neckerchief.

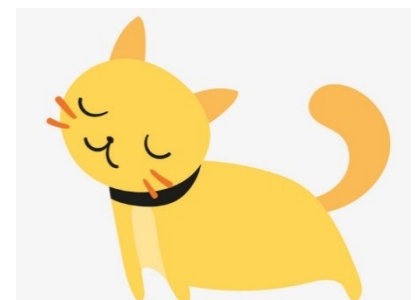


Her favourite book is “Quando Lisboa Tremeu” (“When Lisbon Trembled”) from 2010 written by Domingos Amaral, who is also her favourite author. It is about the earthquake which struck Lisbon in 1775.



Her favourite band is One Direction and her favourite artiste is Harry Styles. Besides these two, she also likes music from the Arctic Monkeys, Cage the elephant, Imagine Dragons and Salvador Sobral.

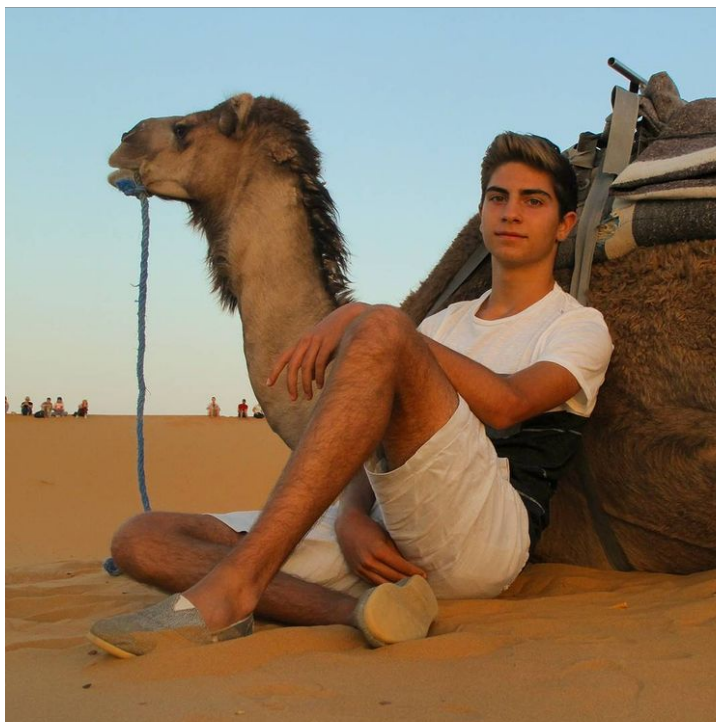
Joana and I have several things in common. We both enjoy sewing, listening to imagine dragons and are interested in the environment. Finally, we both have cats.



# João Pontes

My partner for this assignment is João Diogo Pontes, he told me to just call him João, so João it is. He was born on the eleventh of June of 2001 in the city of Lisbon, so we are just one year apart, and he's a second year student of Biology at the University of Lisbon. We have been chatting all week through WhatsApp and he's quite interesting and we have quite a few things in common. He has a lot of different hobbies like tennis and drawing and two of them have to do with the sea: spearfishing and taking care of his shell collection (He says shells but he admits to collect everything that can be collectable from the ocean) and he spends hours and hours classifying and cleaning them. I, myself, am a big fan of the sea, I snorkel and sail and have my own little collection of shells (not as good or tidy as his though) although lately since I came across an article against picking up shells at the sea I've stopped doing it as much, however the temptation is sometimes too high, they are so pretty!. He doesn't eat red meat due to his commitment to the planet and its protection, and I'm a vegetarian for the same reason, so we have that in common as well! He, and I quote, "loves everything that brings me [him] closer to nature" and as such trekking up mountains or strolling on the beach or snorkeling, etc. are all things on his to do list. He's not much of a reader but he really liked the book *Perfume* by Patrick Süskind and although he listens to all kinds of music he was able to name these artists/bands as his favourites although he emphasizes that music taste is so variable that really it is impossible to choose: Frank Ocean, Anderson Paak, still woozy, alt-j. We are both big fans of Pink Floyd too! On his most artsy side, he really likes drawing. He has attended two separate drawing courses, one on scientific illustration, so he specializes in drawing animals. He likes animals and the ocean so much that he takes care of four different aquariums at his house. In conclusion, he seems like a very passionate person that would be very fun to be around!! I really like the experience of getting to know a totally random person from another country, that speaks another language and with a very different background and still finding things in common, very enriching and interesting.

This is what he looks like compared to a camel (just kidding ;) )



# João Reis



Let me introduce...

# JOÃO REIS

**Date of birth**

18.07.1998

**Home country**

Portugal

**University in which he/she is enrolled**

Faculty of Science of the University of Lisbon

**Current (and eventually) past study programmes**

Bsc. Biochemistry

**Favorite hobby**

Watching tv (anime, documentaries, comedy..)

**Favorite book and writer**

The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien

**Favorite music artist (or band)**

Arctic monkeys

**One relevant personal characteristic**

He describes himself as a Master-Procrastinator

**Something you have in common**

We are both older than most other students in our course, because we didn't start the study program we are currently doing straight out of high school. João did two semesters of medicine first while I did a gap year in Australia.



João at *matrafona*, a tradition in his village





Tradition in his village - matrafona

# Johanna Frost

### Meet Johanna



Johanna Sofia Louise Frost is a 27-year-old student from Stockholm, Sweden, born on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. She studies at KTH, Royal Institute of Technology. Currently she is enrolled in a master program where she studies Applied and Computational Mathematics. In the past Johanna finished her bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics, also at KTH.

When she is not occupied with schoolwork, Johanna's favourite hobby is exercising. She enjoys staying active through some type of sport, at the moment she likes spending her free time practicing paddle tennis.

Although Johanna only reads when on holiday, her favourite author is Dan Brown because his books are thrilling, and science related. One of her favourite books, also written by Dan Brown, is *Origin*. When it comes to music Johanna's taste is versified, she enjoys listening to a lot of different kinds of music, most times she listens to playlists on Spotify that contain songs from a variety of artists. However, in the evening or when she studies, Johanna likes to listen to classical music featuring the piano, the violin, or the acoustic guitar. Her favorite band is 2Cellos, they do covers of famous songs on cellos and electrical cellos.

Johanna is an open minded individual, never fearful to step out of her comfort zone and try new things. She is always eager to learn and have new experiences, like participating in the Ulisses program, because she had never studied or worked in this field, but she had always found it interesting.

Meeting Johanna was great! We got to know each other and throughout our conversation we learnt that we both love to spend time outside enjoying nature, doing activities like hiking and running.

# José Cristiano Vieira

## Project ULisses 2021-1º Assignment

- **Name:** Cristiano Vieira
- **Date of Birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1997
- **Home country:** Portugal
- **University in which he/she is enrolled:** University of Lisbon
- **Current (and eventually) past study programmes:** Master Degree in Ecology and Environmental Management
- **Favorite hobby:** Watch a movie
- **Favorite book and writer:** My favorite book is The subtle art of not giving a f\*ck. I don't have a favorite writer
- **Favorite music artist (or band):** My favorite music artist is Jungle
- **One relevant personal characteristic:** I guess I could say I'm a cooperative person
- **Something you have in common:** I really like to just wander through nature, watch or admiring the ocean and listening to the sound of waves.

**Don't forget to include a fun old photograph.**



# Juan David Barragan

## Activity 1

My fellow ULisser is Juan Aleman and he was born on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1996. He's from Ecuador but he is currently on Germany, where he is taking a master's degree in Environmental Engineering, in TU Darmstadt.

One of his favorite hobby is photography and we actually found that we share that passion, for nature photography!! One of the books that he likes the most is "El Túnel", written by the spanish Ernesto Sabato. Regarding music, one of his favorite bands is The Cure.

One of his relevant personal characteristics is knowing a lot of languages, as German, Italian and Spanish.

Finally, here's a fun old photograph of Juan with his dad!!





# Júlia Coelho

- Her name is Júlia Eduarda Coelho
- She has been born in Brazil, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July year 200, but has been living in Portugal for the last 4 years
- Currently studying environmental engineering at Instituto Superior de Agronomia
- Dancing is her favourite hobby
- Her preferred book is “The Collector” by John Fowles and her favourite author is Edgar Allen Poe
- As a singer, Aurora is definitely the most praised artist
- When she is nervous/anxious she likes to dance to relieve stress
- Both of our favourite subject at school was biology despite neither of us had biology as our best grade at the time



# Juliana Desiderati

## Activity 1 – Meet the Ulissers



In the following pages I will introduce my partner of the week, Juliana Rodrigues Desiderati. Juliana is now 19 years old. She is born in June 20th 2001 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

After school she started studying in Lisbon at the Instituto Superior Tecnico (IST) of the University of Lisbon. At first she started studying Civil Engineering. But after one year she decided to change the subject

and started studying Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture at the same university. The change had different sources. The first reason accrued out of an curiosity. She wanted to know how humans were able to put something in the water that wouldn't drown. With that she wasn't only thinking about the present but much more about the first steps of trying to bring something in the water that floats. First she thought that just a curiosity wouldn't be enough to start study in this area. But after a while she get comfortable with the idea and changed the subject. The other reason was, that she could never imagine herself working with anything else than math and physics. To quote her "I love the security and the feeling of unraveling the law of the world that those two subjects give me". Until now she didn't regret the decision, but love the course.

Beside the thought about the history of shipping she also likes to learn things of different centuries. Therefore she chooses books and series that approach different aspects of human history. So history is more like a hobby for her, than something she is suppose to learn. If she is more likely to watch a series or read a book depends on the extents of her free time. Based on her historical interest the book she is most proud of to read is "Jane Eyre", from Charlotte Bronte. She intentionally used the word proud and not favourite because it may not be the best book but the first one she read in English. Moreover did she felt that the book was impressive, because it showed her, how woman of that time were already thinking about some matters that nowadays are obvious, but weren't in that

period. That make her think about how we see the past and what we believe has just been achieved now and what has already been achieved earlier. Except from the mentioned book she recently discovered the books from Tess Gerritsen. Juliana likes the writer because she made her get interested in different kinds of books. One example of these books are medical thriller novels.

Alongside reading books or watching series to educate herself in history she also likes to hang out with her friends or spend time with her family. The time she spends with her friends includes mostly going out for dinner, taking a walk or going to the beach. On the other hand is the family time. At this time, they often watch TV together. When she is not busy with other things she also likes to listen to music. That was one part of our conversation where we totally agree with each other. Because we both said that good music is not about one good artist, but a matter of good songs. However she said that if she had to pick one person to be her favourite artist she would choose Ludovico Einaudi. The reason therefor was, that she always wanted to go to a concert of him.

Beside the agreement about good music we both agree that there is not one specific sport or thing we both like or do. Even so we still have non material things in common. First we think about a lot of things, that are going on in our environment in the same way. Also we both want to improve ourselves in many ways. One example therefor is that we want to learn to value the people and things we have in live more. We also agreed that knowledge is not only a box we try to fit in, but something much more embracing. The last aspect we have in common is that we both do not like to go shopping and that it seems like we never find cloths that we like.

Some other aspects we talked about were how we would describe ourselves characteristics. During the conversation I learned a lot about Juliana. First she told me about her faith. For her, as a protestant faith is not only going to church but it is also the way she sees the world and life itself. The faith makes her who she is today. Furthermore she is, like I wrote earlier passionate about history and also she loves travelling and meeting new people. All in all she loves learning new things because that makes her feel like she could discover the whole world.

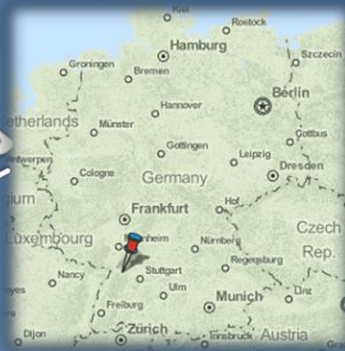
**Laura Freitas**





**Laura Loreth**

# LET'S EMBARK IN THIS JOURNEY TO MEET LAURA SOPHIE LORETH



- SHE'S FROM **KARLSRUHE, GERMANY**
- BORN ON THE **27<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST** IN **1997**

WHERE IS SHE NOW YOU ASK?

SHE'S STUDYING AT THE **UNIVERSITY OF DARMSTADT** IN GERMANY, CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**



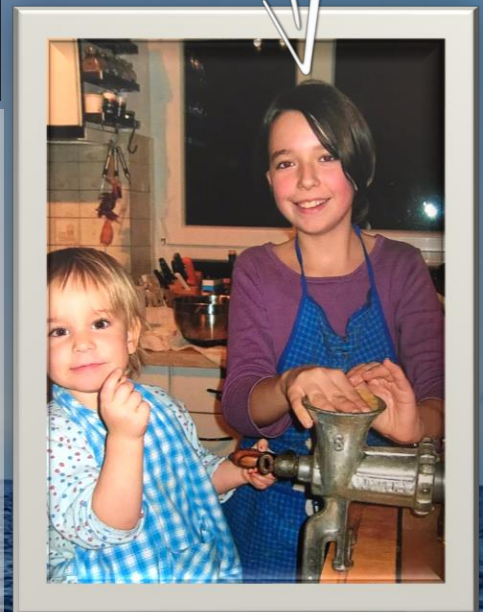
TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT DARMSTADT

AND IF YOU WERE WONDERING WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE...NOT NOW THOUGH

## LET'S TRY TO FISH OUT SOME OF HER FAVORITE STUFF...

- ✓ FAVOURITE HOBBY - **KNOTTING MACRAME**
- ✓ FAVOURITE BOOK AND WRITER - **MARGARETE STOKOWSKI "DIE LETZTEN TAGE DES PARTIACHATS"**
- ✓ FAVOURITE BAND- **THE WOMBATS**

**FUN FACT, SHE LIKES CAKE!**



IN THIS JOURNEY, WE DISCOVERED THAT WE BOTH LIKE WATCHING MODERN FAMILY



modern family



# Leah Lucke

# Leah Lücke

MY FELLOW ULISSEER WAS BORN ON 06.12.1995, IN GERMANY, AND SHE IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE MASTER'S PROGRAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, AT TU DARMSTADT.

EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW, HER FAVORITE HOBBY IS BOULDERING BUT WHAT SHE CAN CERTAINLY DO DURING THESE TIMES IS LISTEN TO HER FAVORITE BOOK IN THE AUDIBLE VERSION, HARRY POTTER. ACCORDING TO HER LISTENING TO THESE AUDIO BOOKS IS THE MOST RELAXING THING SHE CAN DO BUT LISTENING TO BUKAHARA (HER FAVORITE BAND) IS ALSO A GOOD OPTION RIGHT NOW. SHE DESCRIBES HERSELF AS A "CARE TANKING PERSON" AND THAT'S WHAT LEAD HER TO HER STUDIES, SINCE FOR HER IT IS QUITE IMPORTANT TO "TAKE CARE" OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND GIVE EVERYONE THE POSSIBILITY TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE ON OUR PLANET.

MARIA INÊS SILVA





A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. The foreground is filled with various types of coral, including large, rounded, brownish-purple ones and smaller, yellowish ones. Numerous small, colorful fish, mostly yellow and blue, are swimming around the coral. Sunlight rays penetrate the clear blue water from the surface, creating a bright and lively atmosphere. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is overlaid on the upper part of the image, containing white text.

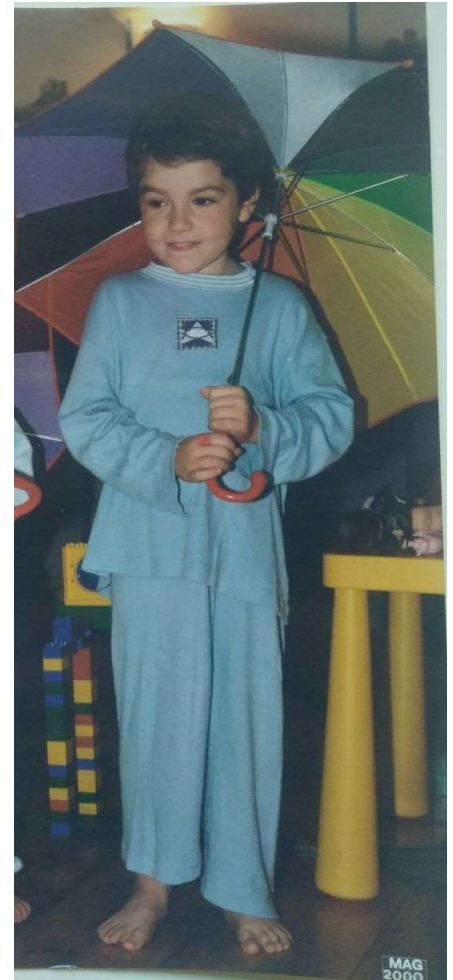
AS FOR SOMETHING LEAH AND I HAVE IN  
COMMON...  
WE BOTH LOVE CLIMBING WHETHER IT IS  
OUTSIDE OR INDOORS, BUT ALSO **OUR LOVE**  
**FOR THE SEA AND KEEPING IT HEALTHY FOR A**  
**LONG TIME TO COME.**

MARIA INÊS SILVA

# Leonardo Cangelmi

### Activity 1 – Meet the ULissers

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Name                                 | Leonardo Cangelmi  |
| Date of Birth                        | 30 de abril de 1995 (24 anos)  |
| Home Country                         | Italy  |
| University in which he is enrolled   | Polytechnic University of Turin  |
| Current and past study programmes    | MSc in Renewable Energy Engineering<br>BSc in Mechanical Engineering (past)  |
| Favorite hobby                       | Reading books and newspapers   |
| Favorite book and writer             | Cicero's Trilogy by Robert Harris;<br>Herman Hess  |
| Favorite music artist (or band)      | Beethoven, Queen and Pink Floyd  |
| One relevant personal characteristic | Curiosity and indecisiveness   |
| Something we have in common          | We both speak Portuguese<br>We have both been to Coimbra<br>We both like rock and classical music<br>We are both indecisive people |



Leonardo (4 years old)



# Leonie Tanzeglock

## Activity 1- Meet the ULissers

My fellow ULisser's name is Leonid Tanzeglok. She was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December of 1997, which means she is 23 years old. She was born and lives in Germany, currently attending the bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering at Technische Universität Darmstadt.

Her favorite hobby is travelling, given that she has visited most of the European countries, Vietnam, Thailand and more. But the country she likes the most is Australia, which she already visited several times and calls her "second home". As for her favorite book and artist, she especially likes the Harry Potter series, written by J. K. Rowling, and Khalid, respectively.

One relevant personal characteristic is her perfectionism. A couple of things we both have in common is the fact we are both older than most of our colleagues of the same grade, albeit for different reasons (I attended a different course and she took a gap year), and our procrastination.

To conclude, here is a funny old photo of Leonid's first trip to Australia.



# Malena Trost



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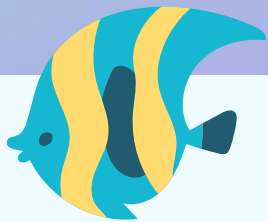


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# MALENA TROST

TU Darmstadt ● Bachelor in environmental engineering





 **22 years old, born in July 2nd of 1998**

 **Living in Darmstadt, Germany**

Currently finishing her Bachelor's degree in environmental engineering with a full intention of pursuing a Master's in the same career.



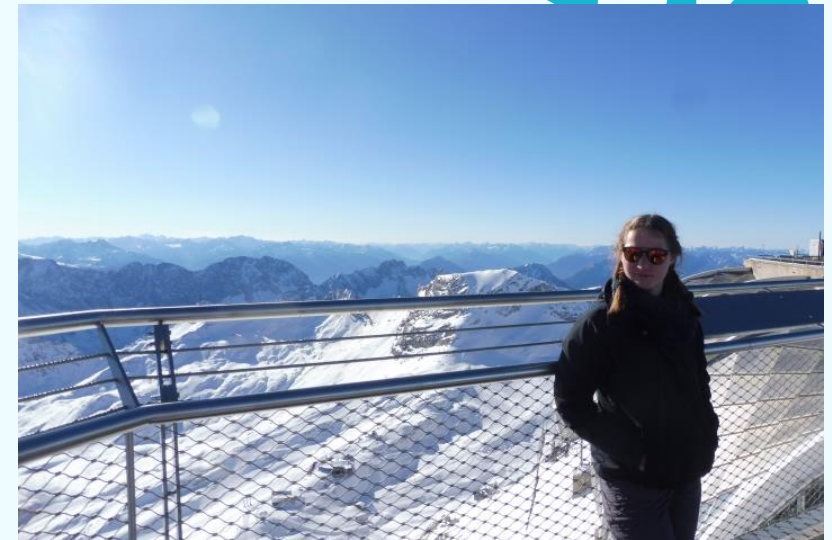
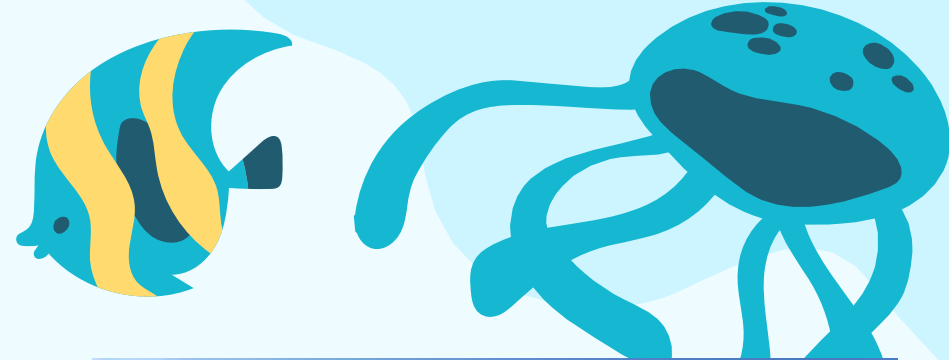
# GET TO KNOW HER!

## HOBBIES

- She's a big sports enthusiast and during the week she usually goes running and does acrobatics, but her favorite hobbies are rock climbing, hiking (especially in the mountains) and swimming when she gets the chance.

This is her last year, at the top of Zugspitze (the highest mountain in Germany), when all the cable cars were closed because of Corona and almost nobody was there. Really cool!

- Additionally she likes to hang out with friends, play games and cook
- She's also active in a political group that works on the right of refugees in Germany and Europe!



# GET TO KNOW HER!

## EXPERIENCES

- Malena last year has done a Erasmus in Valencia, Spain.

## RELEVANT PERSONAL TRAIT

- One of her personal characteristics is endurance, she stays motivated once she starts something and keeps up with it usually until it's finished or for a really long time.

## THINGS IN COMMON

- We both really love to travel and learn languages. A funny thing is that Malena already did a Portuguese course at university for one semester and now I'm currently trying to learn German.

## OTHER FAVORITES OF HER

- She's a big fan of literature about journeys, one of her favorite books is "Into the wild" by Jon Krakauer, who is also one of her favorite authors.
- Regarding music one of her favorite bands is Calle 13.



**READY TO SET  
SAIL!**

# Manuela Arztmann

## Introducing Manuela Arztmann



Manuela Bianca Arztmann is from Austria and she is 26 years old as she was born on the 21th July of 1994. Manuela holds a BSc in Chemistry at Graz University of Technology (TUG) and is currently in the Chemistry MSc program at (TUG), but she also was selected before for a Research stay at POSTECH in South Korea.

Her favorite hobby is painting, and her favorite book is “The hitchhiker’s guide to the galaxy – Douglas Adams”. Regarding her favorite music artists, her main top is Hozier & One Ok Rock.

One of her personal characteristics is being curious and something we both have in common is that we both have a dog. Manuela’s dog is named Dobby, because he was shy at the beginning, and mine is called Zuke 😊

# Márcia Figueira



# Activity 1 – Meet the Ulissers

My associated colleague is: **Marcia Alexandra Rodrigues Figueira**

She was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1996 in Portugal. She studied agronomic engineering for her Bachelor's degree and is now enrolled in environmental engineering at the Institute of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon for her Master's degree. Marcia is focusing her studies on circular economy and community systems, like synergies and efficiencies between people, local businesses, their outside environment, but is also interested in traditional ecological knowledge.

In her free time she goes to the beach and barbecues with her friends, when the weather is good. On the other days, she prefers to read and play the guitar. Regardless of the weather she likes to go on walks in nature or the city.

Her favourite book is "The Waves" from her favourite author Virginia Woolf. She often listens to the band "Bon Iver" and their calm song "Perth".

Marcia is a very social and thoughtful person. We both study environmental engineering, like to go on walks and read classical books.

Written by Mona Goebel



(Mona in Austria)



# Margarida Ferreira



My fellow Ulisser is Margarida Ferreira from Portugal, living in Sintra, Lisboa. She is 19 years old, born 26th of April. She is a second year student at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon studying Meteorology, Oceanography and Geophysics. In the free time she enjoys exercising, especially hiking and running in nature which is something that we have in common. She also enjoys a good book and the favorite writer is Agatha Christie because of the love for crime mysteries. Despite this her favorite book is *The Giver* by Louis Lowry, since it is a short and easy read but very thought-provoking. She listens to a lot of different music, but a lot of movie soundtracks. The favorite composer is John Powell. As a person, she is selfless and empathetic and loves to help others by e.g., volunteering, where she has helped in daycares for children and participated in an environmental project where they cleaned up beaches. She found it to be an real eye-opener to see how much plastic there was in the sand and water.

# Margarida Oliveira

# Margarida

PEREIRA DE  
OLIVEIRA



Date of Birth

24-05-1997

Home Country

Portugal

University

Instituto Superior de Agronomia

Current Study Program

Engenharia do Ambiente

## FAVORITE HOBBY

To make music, more specifically to sing and play.  
I play the Guitar and the Piano.

## FAVORITE BOOK AND WRITER

### The Tattooist Of Auschwitz

A book by Heather Morris.

Is based on a true story about a Jewish man, who is put to work as a tattooist at Auschwitz, the infamous German concentration camp.

### Fernando Pessoa

One of the most famous poets in Portuguese Literature.

## FAVORITE BAND

### Queen

A British rock band formed in London in 1970.

## PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC

- Love to Travel

## SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON

We both love to Travel and coincidently we have both been to Crakow and absolutely loved it.

# Maria Beatriz Nobre



# Maria Beatriz Nobre



Meet the ULissers

Let's do a brief introduction about my new friend! Beatriz was born on 4th June 1999 in Lisbon, Portugal. It was definitely a hot and sunny day, probably the reason why she loves summer! Currently, she is doing a MSc in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon (FLUL).

## DID YOU KNOW?

She couldn't decide her favorite hobby! She likes to paint, draw and read. She also plays volleyball since she was 6 years old.



Beatriz doesn't have a favorite book or author. Her favorite books are about self-development and historical fiction. She is also a fan of classic books.

Her musical tastes are very varied! For her, each music style is unique and good. Beatriz is an excellent friend to join you at parties.



## PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC

Beatriz is passionate about soft-skills so she decided to be a soft-skill trainer!

She is an animal lover and nature enthusiast girl. Her goal is to achieve a minimalistic and sustainable life. She is also a sucker for volunteering (her words!!)

## WHAT WE HAVE IN COMMON

Boy-band lovers  
Disney movie fans  
Nature enthusiasts



# Maria Gabriela Horst

## Project ULisses 2021-1º Assignment

**Name: Cristiano Vieira**

**Colleague: Maria Horst**

As part of the first activity, we, the participants of the ULisses project, were paired with another colleague, in order to interact and get to know our future project colleagues better. In that sense, the colleague I had the pleasure of meeting was Maria Horst. Maria was born on 18th August, 1998, in Germany. Maria studies at the Technical University of Darmstadt, where she pursues a master's degree in mechanical engineering. With regard to leisure activities, Maria's favourite hobby is playing football. Additionally, in relation to literary and musical preferences, Maria particularly likes the book Northern Lights by Philip Pullman and the songs produced by the artist Hozier. With regard to her personal characteristics, Maria describes herself as a good listener and shares, like me, a particular taste for nature, so we both like to stroll through the forest, enjoying the various pleasures that nature offers us. .

Finally, an old photo of Maria is included where it is possible to observe a small Maria Horst, completely equipped to confront the cold weather.



# Maria Inês Silva

# MARIA INÊS SILVIA

Date of Birth: 20.02.2000

Home Country: Portugal

## Current study programm:

Bachelor student in Biology at the Lisbon University, Faculty of sciences

## Favorite hobby

Hiking (since she was a young girl)

## Favorite book

O gene inteligente by Sharon Moalen

## Favorite band

Maroon 5 (out of competition)

## Relevant Characteristic

Maria is a adventurous person, who is always looking forward to discover new places, try new outdoor sports and activities, as long as it is outdoors.

## Something we have in common

Besides the shared love for outdoors activities like climbing, we are of course also sharing the love to our oceans which leaded both of us to our Padi Open Water Diving License.

# Maria Leonor Mendonça

## MEET THE ULISSES

# MARIA LEONOR MENDONÇA

To get to know each other, me and Maria decided to arrange a casual meeting via zoom. It was a nice and pleasant conversation because she is very communicative and funny.

Maria Leonor was born on September 17 of 1998, in Portugal and she is from Lisbon. At the moment, she studies Physics Engineering at IST-ULisboa. Last year, she went to India for Erasmus during the first semester, and she loved it. I really liked to listen some of her experiences there and I think that what she liked the most and the reason to go to India in the first place was the huge difference between cultures. She wanted something totally different from European culture.

Her favourite hobby has been practicing *Yoga* and her two favourite books are the “1984”, from George Orwell and “The Catcher in the Rye”, from J. D. Salinger. Her favourite band are the *The Strokes*.

One of her characteristics is being funny and lively (as we can see in the photo below).

Finally, as we met, we found that loving to travel it's what we have in common.

I look forward to knowing more about Maria. 😊

### AN OLD AND FUNNY PICTURE OF MARIA!





# Maria Lluna Cernadas

# MARIA LLUNA FORNELLS CERNADAS



In this assignment, we were asked to interact with another member of the ULISSES project. I was fortunate to meet Maria!

She is from Barcelona, in Spain, and most people call her Lluna, which means moon in catalan. However, she has actually lived in other countries such as the US and Bolivia, because her mother is a journalist. She was born April 15th 2002, so she is just a little bit younger than me. She is currently studying Environmental Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

Maria has a lot of hobbies, she is a huge fan of art as a concept: she loves to attend orchestra concerts or dance performances (specially contemporary dance – Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is her favorite) and also going to art galleries. And even though she doesn't consider herself much of an artist, she really loves to play the guitar and sing. Besides that, she also enjoys rock climbing (currently healing from an injury on her shoulder), cooking, taking care of her garden and embroidery. She also snorkels and sails, so she is planning to take some classes on scuba diving and sailing this year.

She spends a lot of time reading and her favorite book is Leviathan by Paul Auster (it was really hard for her to choose). In addition to that, she also loves listening to music and she has no doubt that Pink Floyd is her favorite band!

It was a pleasure to meet Maria, she really is an amazing person who definitely shares her passion for the sea with me! It would be wonderful if I end up working with her in the team fase!

João Pontes, 31/03/2021

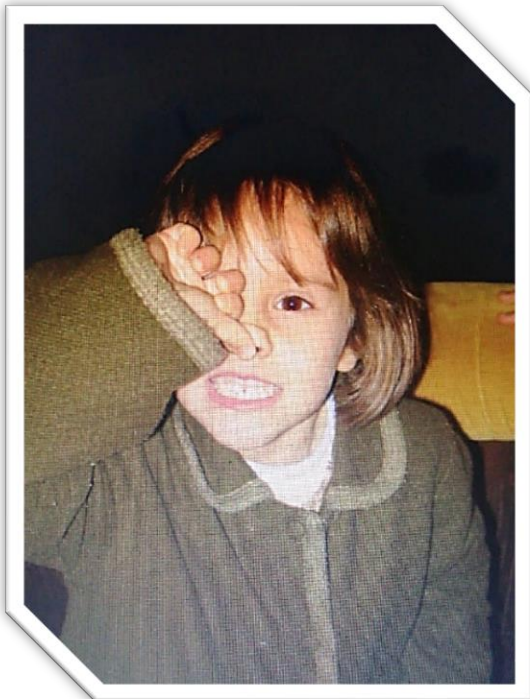
# Maria Miguel Matos

## Activity 1: Meet the ULissers

My partner for this activity was Maria. Her full name is Maria Miguel da Cruz Fonseca de Matos and she was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1999. She is Portuguese and lives in Azeitão, about 1 hour away from Lisbon. Maria is currently studying Food Engineering in the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon. Her favorite hobby is doing sports whether it's running, working out or doing yoga. Her favorite books (it's hard to pick just one) are *The Quiet End* by Nelson DeMille, a detective story, and *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, the memoir of the former First Lady of the United States. Her favorite music artist is Russ. Maria thinks of herself as a curious person, a characteristic we found to have in common since we both love to travel. Here is a funny picture of Maria from her first year of university.



# Maria Rita Fonseca



Maria Rita at 5 years old

This is **Maria Rita Vicente Fonseca**. She was born on October 27, 2000. Her home country is Portugal and she is an MSc Pharmaceutical Sciences student from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon.

Her favourite hobby is to take long walks, her favourite book is Eragon, her favourite writer is Saramago and her favourite band is Kodamine.

One of her personal characteristics is her belief in Spiritualism.

Something that she and I have in common (aside from the fact that both our names start with an “M”) is that we’ve both been to Krakow, Poland, and we loved it!

It was very nice to meet her! 😊



# Mariana Carvalho

## Activity 1 – Meet the Ulissers

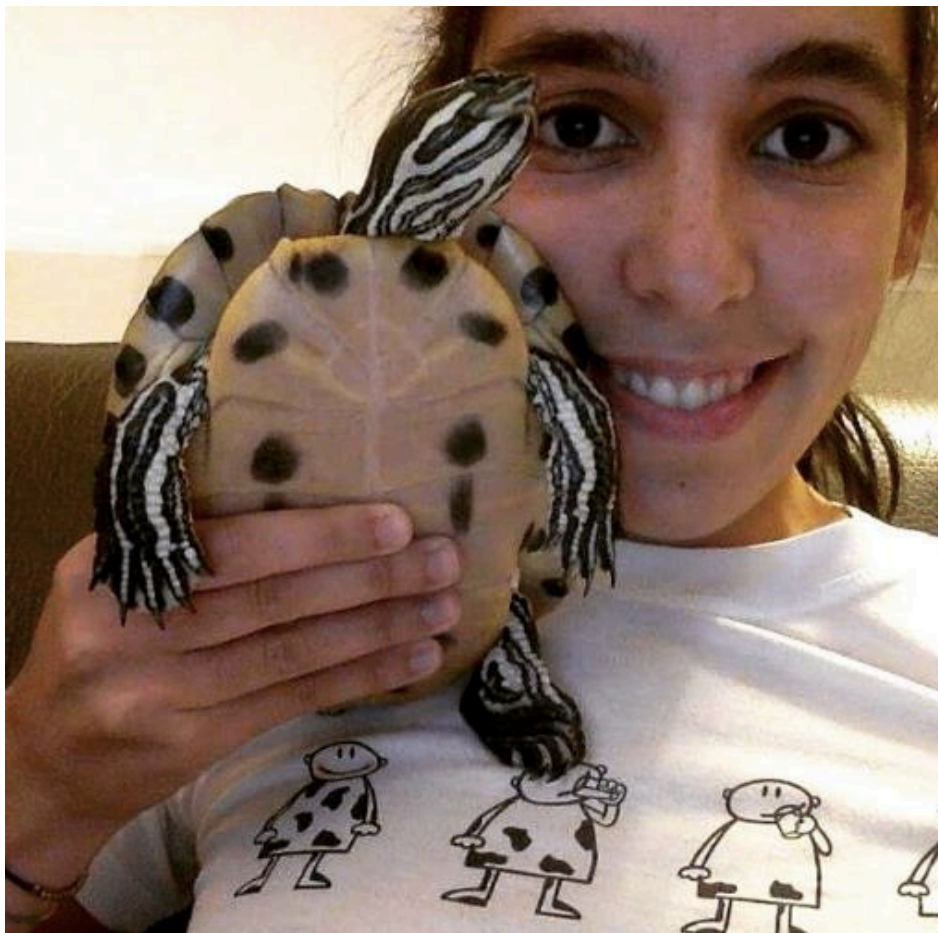
Markus Lenehan

I got matched with Mariana Leitão Carvalho.

The information I got regarding Mariana is as follows:

- Name: Mariana Leitão Carvalho
- Date of birth: 27/10/96
- Home Country: Portugal
- University in which she is enrolled: FMV-ULisboa
- Current (and eventually) past study programmes: Veterinary Medicine
- Favorite hobby: Hiking
- Favorite book and writer: Seven Years in Tibet and António Lobo Antunes
- Favorite music artist (or band): Guns N' Roses
- One relevant personal characteristic: devoted
- Something you have in common: we both love animals

Also, here is a picture Mariana shared of her and her pet turtle.



# Mariana Rodrigues dos Santos

- Name: Mariana Rodrigues Dos Santos
- Date of birth: 27/05/2000
- Home country: Portugal
- University in which he/she is enrolled: Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon
- Current (and eventually) past study programmes: BSc in Biochemistry
- Favorite hobby: swimming and painting
- Favorite book and writer: The Night Circus (by Erin Morgenstern)
- Favorite music artist (or band): Regina Spektor (also Tchaikovsky e Arcade Fire)
- One relevant personal characteristic: introvert
- Something you have in common: we are both quite indecisive (and both like Tchaikovsky).

Photo from when she was 9 or 10 years old



# Mariana Lemos Parada



Mariana's Information:

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name                                 | Mariana Parada                 |
| Date of Birth                        | 4.2.2020                       |
| Home country                         | Portugal                       |
| University in which she is enrolled  | University of Lisbon           |
| Current study Programmes             | Science Faculty / Biochemistry |
| Favorite hobby                       | Sports                         |
| Favorite book and writer             | Paper Towns – John Green       |
| Favorite music artist                | Coldplay                       |
| One relevant personal characteristic | Perseverant                    |
| Something we have in common          | Nature Photography             |





# Markus Lenehan

# MARKUS LENEHAN

ULisses Project Participant | Date of Birth: 18-07-2000 | Home Country: Portugal

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## UNIVERSITY IN WHICH HE IS ENROLLED | CURRENT (AND EVENTUALLY) PAST STUDY PROGRAMMES



Ciências  
ULisboa | Biochemistry


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## FAVORITE HOBBY | FAVORITE BOOK AND WRITER | FAVORITE BAND

Reading  | The Way of Kings and Brandon Sanderson | Trivium 

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## ONE RELEVANT PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC

He loves nature, especially animals! 

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## SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON

We both love animals and besides we are from



# Mirjam Voigt

# MEET THE ULISSEERS

**NAME**

Mirjam Voigt

**DATE OF BIRTH**

04/04/2000

**HOME COUNTRY**

Germany

**UNIVERSITY**

TU Darmstadt

**CURRENT PROGRAMMES**

Environmental Engineering

**FAVORITE HOBBY**

Playing the ukulele

**FAVORITE BOOK AND WRITER**

Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas

**FAVORITE MUSIC BAND**

Thyphoon

**ONE RELEVANT PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC**

Empathic

**SOMETHING YOU HAVE IN COMMON**

love for the ocean, travel and cultures



fun old photograph

## ACTIVITY 1

# Mona Ingeborg Goebel

## **ACTIVITY 1** MEET THE ULISSERS. Márcia Figueira. 08/04/2021.

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My fellow German associate Ulisser is Mona Ingeborg Goebel, born 25 years ago, on the 15th of February in France. She did her Bachelors and currently also her Masters in Environmental Engineering at the Technische Universität Darmstadt. From her interest in observing the planet, Mona decided to focus her just-about-to-start thesis on remote sensing, and she seems quite happy about it!

Mona doesn't have a lot of free time, but when she does, she enjoys gathering with friends. She also enjoys walking through forests and up the hills to look over the landscape, and to read a book in the park or before bed. Her favourite one is a collection of "weird and unpredictable" short stories by Ronald Dahl: "Kiss Kiss". Regarding music, Mona has a diverse taste which changes "almost every week". At the time we talked about it (26/03/2021 21:45 GMT), her favourite was "A Good Song Never Dies" by Saint Motel.

Besides our current field of studies, I learnt that Mona, as I did, was not very resolute in figuring out what path to follow after high school, so we share that little existentialist struggle. We also share the love for reading, being in nature and by the ocean, or river, or creek, or even a lake. She is a calm and easy-going person.



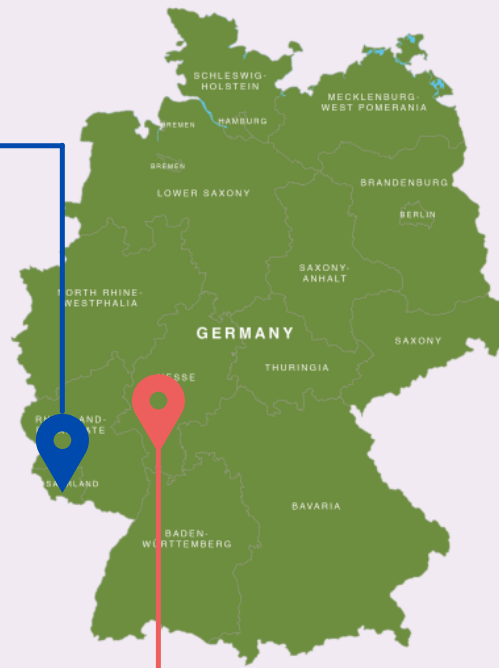


# Natascha Heim

# Meet the ULisser...

## Natascha Heim

Natascha was born on the 12th April 1997 in Saarbrücken, Germany. She is very organized and has planning skills that she thinks are very valuable in her daily life.



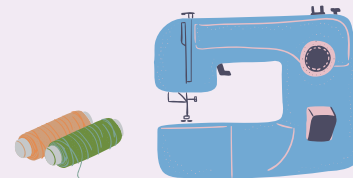
She is currently studying  
Environmental Engineering at  
Technischen Universität Darmstadt.



In her free time she likes to read fantasy books, mainly the ones written by Terry Pratchett, like "Reaper Man", and to listen to music by KraftKlub, Panic! at the Disco, Fall out boy and, just like me, Imagine Dragons.

We found out that we have a passion for sewing in common, and we both have cats!

Last but not least, our interest in the environment was what impelled us to sign up for this project.

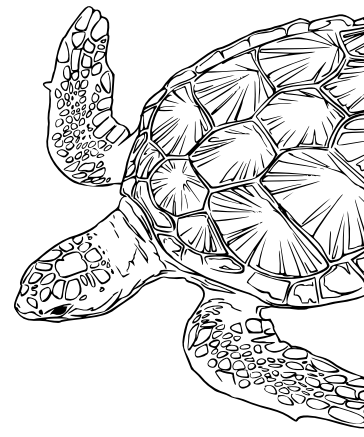


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# Nayana Cordeiro da Silva



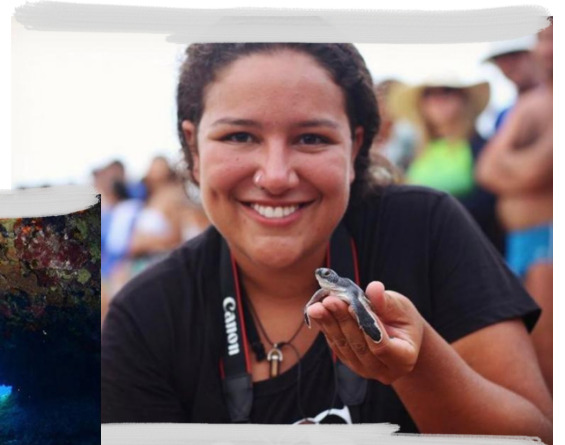
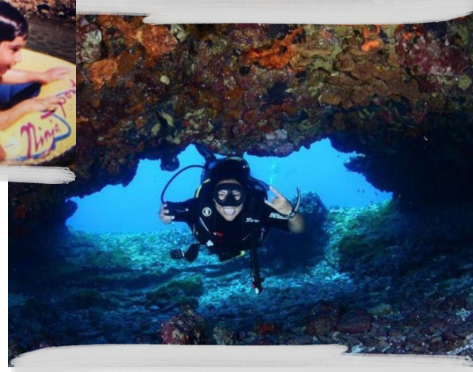
# Activity 1

## Meet the ULIssers

For this first ULIsses activity, I was associated with my colleague Nayana Cordeiro. She was born on the 24th of June in 1992 in Brazil.

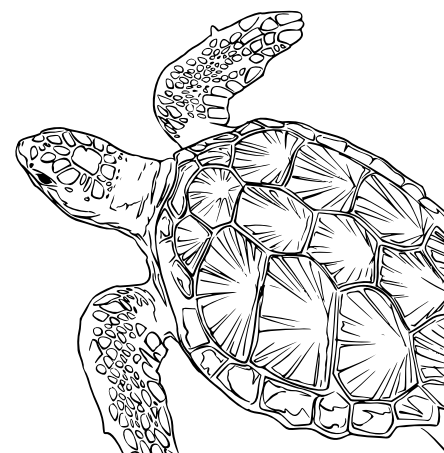
Currently, she is making an MBA in Sustainable Projects and Environmental Innovations at Federal University of Paraná (UFPR) and she already has a bachelor's degree in biology.

She likes scuba diving, cooking, and photography. Besides that, she also enjoys listening to music, especially her favourite artist Amy Lee, the vocalist of her favourite band Evanescence. She also likes to read, and her favourite book is One Day by David Nicholls.



These two photos were taken when she volunteered to monitor turtle spawning in Fernando de Noronha.

While talking to her I realise that her most relevant personal characteristic is her resiliency. Besides that, I also notice that we both like José Saramago books, photography, and Amy Lee/Evanescence.



# Nele Drott

# Ulisses – 1<sup>st</sup> Assignment

Done by Catarina Silva ; friasramosdasilva@gmail.com

NELE DROTT

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|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date of birth:                                  | 15.04.1999  |
| Home country:                                   | Germany   |
| University in which she is enrolled:            | Technical University Darmstadt  |
| Current (and eventually) past study programmes: | Environmental Engineering B.Sc.   |
| Favourite hobby:                                | Drawing   |
| Favourite book and writer:                      | Island of the blue dolphins (Scott O'Dell) – no favourite writer                      |
| Favourite music artist (or band):               | Depends on situation and mood (e.g., Sade, Bob Marley etc.)                           |
| One relevant personal characteristic:           | Introversion  |
| Something you have in common:                   | Critical view on plastic. Passioned about doing sport. Curiosity and Inquisitiveness. |



**Ngoc Huynh**

Hi!

My name is Pedro Eça and this is my submission for the Activity 1 of the Ulisses project, I got paired with ulisser Ngoc Bao Huynh whom I had the pleasure to meet.

Ngoc is a 29-year-old Vietnamese woman born in September 19, 1991. She studied Materials Engineering – Polymers and Composites at Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City, after that she did her masters at Tampere University of Technology in Finland, majoring in Polymers and Biomaterials! She has been in Finland for more than 5 years now and since January this year, she has been taking her PhD in Bioproducts and Biochemistry at Aalto University, School of Chemical Engineering, when I asked her what Finland was like compared to her home country Vietnam, she said “it’s cold here, and quiet, but I’m used to it by now!”.



Ngoc claims to not be much of a bookworm, although her favorite collection of books are the Harry Potter series (she has read them a lot of times and frequently listens to their audiobook version), she spends a lot of time reading newspapers, articles, and scientific literature such as Materials and the Environment by Michael F. Ashby, she then counter-balances these interests with works like Harry Potter because topics like a life in a world full of magic and mystery give her a sense of escape and adventure! When she is not listening to audiobooks, she likes to listen to bands like Linkin Park, Imagine Dragons and, her favorite, Cold Play, their music ‘Don’t Panic’ being her recommendation.

When talking about a relevant personality characteristic, she described herself as a “Truth seeker” who likes to read about science and debunk myths, spending a lot of time to learn about things like from the most basic stuff to the most advanced stuff!

Her favorite hobbies involve cooking, playing League of Legends, and blogging, when I asked her about tips in relation to cooking, she said “Keep trying, it’s very useful if you can make good dishes, I myself got more involved in cooking since I came to Finland because there are not many Vietnamese restaurants when I got here!”.

We both have many things in common! Things like cooking (I try), we both play League of Legends, we both like Coldplay but most important, we both care a lot about the environment, we want oceans without plastics, and we are willing to learn and grow to make these dreams a reality!

Thank you for this opportunity,

Pedro Eça.

# Nina Grujicic

## **Activity 1 – Meet the Ulissers**

### **Ana Vítor meets Nina Grujicic.**

Name: Nina Grujicic.

Date of birth: Oc. 11<sup>th</sup> 1992.

Home country: Austria.

University in which she is enrolled: University of Technology in Graz.

Current and past study programs: Currently doing a master in Biotechnology and finished a bachelor in Molecular Biology at the University of Salzburg.

Favorite hobby: Nina says that it is constantly changing, but she prefers social activities and creativity over sports. She spends her free time hanging with friends and family but she also enjoys spending time with herself doing some creative work, like writing and reading. She also enjoys cooking and to try new recipes. She says that now she really is into macrame!!

Favourite book and writer: “The picture of Dorian Gray” by Oscar Wilde. It is not particularly her favourite but she really enjoys English literature in general.

Favourite music artist: An all-time favourite would be Queen. She says that she enjoys very different kinds of genres and it is very mood-dependent.

One relevant personal characteristic: curiosity and open-mindedness.

Something we have in common: we both like to spend time with ourselves cultivating our inner creativity whether through writing or whether through reading. We both consider ourselves curious persons and I think that's why we ended up getting to know each other 😊.

# Pedro Almeida de Eça

## Activity 1

### MEET THE ULISSEERS

For this first activity, I was paired with Pedro Eça – a fellow Ulisser from Portugal. He was born on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001, so he is about to turn 20 years old. I am 10 years older than him, so I feel a bit old ^^, but he asked for my advice, as a more experienced fellow, so maybe it is not so bad being older than others.

He is currently enrolled in the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon majoring in Biology. He shared that in a few years, he hopes to continue his study to Master's level in Bird Ecology.

His hobby is studying home botany in general, and he has been growing moss also. I think it is interesting. My parents grew a lot of plants back in Vietnam, where the climate is more friendly for most plants. Here in Finland the weather is harsh, so we only have summer as the only chance to grow some plants, in our balcony.

His favourite book is Chuck Palahnuik's 'Survivor'. He told me it is about a suicidal cult survivor telling his story on a crashing plane's black box about how he got to be the biggest religious celebrity and everything that went on behind the scenes. It is a very strange ride at times but it is a very nice fiction about trauma, self-deception and pain. He likes B Fachada – a famous music artist. According to Pedro, B Fachada is a great singer and composer. He sings a lot about what it means to be a portuguese in a very satirical way and touches on a lot of sore spots on portuguese history. He is sort of a revival of what were some of the best revolutionary portuguese singers (like Sergio Godinho and Zeca Afonso) but he plays on a variety of instruments from very based synth music to synth mixed with traditional portuguese instruments.

He shared that he is a “green” person. I think it makes sense since he is into biology, ecology and botany. Anyway, he tries to keep himself as open minded as possible and always willing to learn.

I have to say that Pedro and I don't have much in common, except from occasional playing League of Legend and cooking. He is a very romantic and artistic person while I am a practical person. But in the end, I think he and I have some thing in common that we both care about the ocean and the environment, and we wish to find solutions to the problem of ocean pollution, ultimately to see a clean and healthy ocean. I think that is important starting point and a good foundation for us Ulissers to work together on this project. I am really looking forwards to get to know other fellows and also to learn more in the next few weeks.

This is a picture of him, taken when he didn't have much patience to get a much-needed haircut ^^ . I think it's cute ^^.





# Raquel Coimbra

# MEET THE ULISSEERS

**NAME**

Raquel Reis Coimbra

**DATE OF BIRTH**

17/10/2001

**HOME COUNTRY**

Portugal

**UNIVERSITY**

Faculty of Science Of University of Lisbon

**CURRENT PROGRAMMES**

Biology

**FAVORITE HOBBY**

Meet with friends

**FAVORITE BOOK AND WRITER**

Antarctic Experience, José Xavier

**FAVORITE MUSIC ARTIST (OR BAND)**

Halsey

**ONE RELEVANT PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC**

Humble

**SOMETHING YOU HAVE IN COMMON**

love for the ocean, travel and cultures

## ACTIVITY 1

**Rita Melo**

## Activity 1 | “Meet the ULissers”



Rita Medeiros Melo was born on September 21, 1996 in São Miguel, Azores. Recently, she completed her master's degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon. As we attended neighboring colleges, such proximity made our paths cross in the past without knowing each other, being this funny incident addressed later. Rita proves to be a very proactive and dedicated person. Currently, and considering the pandemic situation we are experiencing, she is taking an online English and Psychology course in order to keep her mind busy and active.

When it comes to personal tastes, her favorite hobby is to go to the beach, feel the sand on her feet and read a book to the sound of the waves and seabirds. Her favorite book is the science fiction novel “Brave New World” by English author Aldous Huxley. Still on the same theme, she has been reading and loving “Sapiens” by Yuval Harari. As a musical explorer, Rita listens to different musical genres where she highlights Electronic music, Hip-Hop, R&B and Soul. Thus, the musical groups Metronomy and Elder Island and singer-songwriter Anderson Paak are her most recurring musical choices.

In addition to the highlighted aspects, Rita is a very passionately curious person, considering that there is always something waiting to be known. Surprisingly, we immediately found something in common between the two of us. As already mentioned above, we attended neighboring colleges having both, coincidentally, participated in the same FAUNA lecture cycle at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. So, it was very interesting and funny to realize that, unknowingly, we were classmates. In addition, we share the experience and charm of having already done diving in Portuguese islands.

This is Rita Medeiros Melo. An extremely friendly and empathetic “Ulisser” with whom I intend to continue to talk and get to know.

# Rita Calado dos Santos





FELLOW ULISSEERS, GET TO KNOW

# RITA FARIA CALADO DOS SANTOS

SHE WAS STILL LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET IN THE GOLDEN ERA TRAIN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE NINETIES. SHE WAS BORN ON THE APRIL 1ST OF 99. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE AWARE, BUT IN PORTUGAL, THE APRIL 1ST IS ACTUALLY THE LIE'S DAY. I FIND IT RATHER CURIOUS THAT IN PORTUGAL WE FELT THE NEED TO CELEBRATE THIS RANDOM DAY BY SAYING MADE UP STORIES, SO I CAN IMAGINE HER FAMILY'S REACTION WHEN THEY WERE TOLD THAT RITA WAS BORN ON THIS DAY. SHE IS FROM AVEIRAS DE CIMA, A RURAL TOWN 60KM AWAY FROM LISBON.

RITA JUST FINISHED HER BACHELOR'S IN BIOLOGY, IN INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE AGRONOMIA, WHICH IS A HUGE UNIVERSITY AND SOMETIMES THERE'S REALLY COOL PARTIES OVER THERE. OUR UNIVERSITIES ARE REALLY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, I HAVE THE FAUNA AND SHE HAS THE FLORA. SPEAKING OF FAUNA, SHE CAME SEVERAL TIMES TO MY UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND THE FAUNA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH IS ABOUT CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE. IN THIS CONFERENCE YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT AMAZING AND NOT SO OUTSPOKEN TOPICS, BUT THIS CONFERENCE IS ALSO KNOWN FOR THE COFFEE BREAKS, AND I'M SURE THE LATTER PLAYED A ROLE IN RITA'S DECISION.



SHE HAS MULTIPLE INTERESTS, SO IT WAS SLIGHTLY HARD FOR HER TO CHOOSE ONLY ONE. SHE LIKES TO COOK AND TO PRACTICE SPORTS LIKE VOLLEYBALL. CONCERNING HER READINGS, SHE HAS A DEEP ADMIRATION BY PERFUME, THE STORY OF A MURDERER BY PATRICK SUSKIND. REGARDING THE MUSIC'S THAT SETS HER IN A GOOD MOOD SHE SAYS IT'S MAINLY DANCE POP, R&B, WHERE BRUNO MARS PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE. SHE IS A QUITE CREATIVE PERSON, SHE LOVES ARTS AND MUSIC. SHE ACTUALLY PLAYED THE TRUMPET IN A BAND. WE FOUND OUT THAT WE BOTH SCUBA DIVE



**Rita Pedrosa**



## Activity 1 – Meet the ULissers

**Partner name:** Rita Pedrosa

**Date of birth:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000

**Home country:** Portugal

**University in which she is enrolled:** University of Lisbon

**Current (and eventually) past study programmes:** Veterinary Medicine at FMV (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

**Favorite hobby:** Play the piano and exercise

**Favorite book and writer:** The Declaration from Gemma Malley

**Favorite music artist (or band):** Bruno Mars

**One relevant personal characteristic:** Kind

**Something you have in common:** We are both shy

**A fun old photo of Rita spreading some flower power!**



Sara Patão

# Roberta Busca

Alexandra Azevedo  
Ulisses Activity 1  
Meet the Ulissers  
31 March 2021



My partner is named Roberta Busca, her date of birth is 5 September 1992, and she is originally from Italy. She is enrolled at Politecnico di Torino and in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of her P.h.D in material science and previously studied chemistry. Her favorite hobby is trekking and sailing or sometimes staying in and reading and baking! Her favorite book is 'My family and other animals', and her favorite bands are ACDC and Guns 'n' Roses. Her personal characteristics include using her passion for the natural environment to fuel her innovation and creativity. We have a lot in common, some being spending time in nature, baking, and traveling. I am grateful for the opportunity to introduced to such a likeminded person and I look forward to seeing and hearing the insights Roberta brings to Ulisses 2021!

**Sara Peça**

# Activity 1

Meet the Ulissers

- **Name:** Sara Peça
- **Date of Birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1999
- **Home country:** Portugal
- **University in which she is enrolled:** University of Lisbon – IST
- **Current (and eventually) past study programmes:** Engineering physics (4<sup>th</sup> Year)
- **Favorite hobby:** She enjoys practicing exercise
- **Favorite book and writer:** “My Brilliant Friend” of Elena Ferrante
- **Favorite music artist:** Harry Styles
- **One relevant personal characteristic:** She considers herself a leader
- **Something you have in common:** While we were talking, we discovered that both of us are planning to go to Munich next year to study abroad.

Fun old photograph:



**Sara Patão**

This is Sara Patão,



She was born in Portugal on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March in the year 2000.

Sara is currently studying Biochemistry at the Faculty of Sciences, which belongs to the University of Lisbon.

Sewing is her hobby. Besides using this skill to reutilize old clothes that she would otherwise never wear again, during the pandemic she has made a bunch of incredible personalized face masks.

In addition, she enjoys reading. Her favorite book is A Lua de Joana by Maria Teresa Maia Gonzalez.

Portuguese Rap is the type of music she likes the most, being ProfJam her favorite singer.

Sara describes herself as a hardworking and happy person.

We found out that along with the motivation to be a part of a project like Ulisses, we also have in common being a bit shy.



# Sofia Nogueira

## ULISSES- ACTIVITY 1- MEET THE ULISSEERS

**Name:** Ana Sofia Nogueira;

**Date of birth:** 13<sup>th</sup> august 1996;

**Home Country:** Portugal;

**University in which she is enrolled:** At the moment she isn't enrolled at university;

**Past study programmes:** Recent MSc graduate in Marine Sciences from Utrecht University (The Netherlands) and has Biology Bachelor from School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon, Portugal;

**Favorite hobby:** learn about science, listen podcasts, do yoga and do Indoor Climbing! 😊;

**Favorite writer:** she loves Fernando Pessoa's poetry (any heteronym but specially Ricardo Reis) and she also enjoys reading Richard Dawkins;

**Favorite book:** Sofia is interested in books about evolution, such as Why Evolution Is True by Jerry Coyne and The Kingdom of Speech by Tom Wolfe;

**Favorite music artist (or band):** she loves Brazilian artists such as Chico Buarque, Tim Maia, Vinicius de Moraes, Mallu Magalhães and so on... Loves British bands such Radiohead and Arctic Monkeys... American bands like System of a Down and the Strokes... Rock classic bands such the Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. Also, female singers such as Nina Simone and Billie Holiday;

**One relevant personal characteristic:** the curiosity combined with the search for what is true and the appreciation of the critical sense;

**Something you have in common:** We love Queen. 😊 Also we are both curious and share a common interest in science and sustainability.

**Fun old photography:**

Ana Sofia and her sister dressed as Minho Farmers at the carnival of 1998. So cuteee!! 😊



# Sofia Ferreira

## ULisser presentation:



- Name: Sofia Murteira Ferreira
- Date of birth: 08/02/2000
- Home country: Portugal
- University in which he/she is enrolled: FCUL, University of Lisbon
- Current (and eventually) past study programmes: Biochemistry
- Favorite hobby: Spending time with housemates
- Favorite book and writer: Homo Sapiens, Yuval Noah Harari
- Favorite music artist (or band): She doesn't has a favorite artist/band
- One relevant personal characteristic: Persistent (like when studying for exams)
- Something you have in common: Maybe next year we will both be at Munich

# Sofia Aleixo

Sofia Nunes Aleixo

8 – 11 – 1998

Portugal

ULisboa – FCUL

Integrated Master Degree in Energy and Environmental Engineering

Reading

Veronica Roth ; Divergent Series

Ed Sheeran

Emphatic

We both love dogs, we have dogs at home.



# Theresa Rinner



My fellow Ulisser is Theresa Rinner!

**Date of birth**-11st of June of 1993

**Home Country**-Austria

**University in which he/she is enrolled**- Technical University in Graz

**Current (and eventually) past study programs**-Bachelor's degree in Biology and currently doing a master's in Biotechnology

**Favorite hobby**-skiing during the winter, making films, producing music and playing piano and oboe.

**Favorite books** - "Anleitung zum Unglücklichsein", Harry Potter No.5, 21 lessons for the 21st century

**Favorite writers**- Paul Watzlawick and Yuval Harari

**Favorite music artist (or band)**- No favorite artist or band! Likes music from classical to rap or hip hop!

**One relevant personal characteristic**- always in a good mood, optimistic, happy and resilient!

**Something you have in common**- We are both biologists and play the oboe!

And finally, this is the fun old picture she sent me!



# Valentina Martin

Valentina Bosqueiro Martin

29/01/2000

Brasil

ISA - ULisboa

Environment engineering

Yoga and surf

Capitães de areia (Jorge amado) / Edgar Alan Poe

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Adventurous

We both have a dog as a pet and we love dogs more than cats.

