

D15 Ramona / Romania / Economics

Interaction partner(s): German student
Moment of enquiry: WS 09/10
Experience of difference: Conventions of conduct for invitations

Ramona, a Romanian student, is spending an Erasmus year at a German university. She is studying Microeconomics. One day, when a German fellow student invites her to her birthday party, she gladly accepts the invitation. However, when the day of the party comes, she's not feeling well and simply does not feel like going. When she runs into her German fellow student at the university a few days later, she realises that she is extremely angry at Ramona, because she did not show up for the party despite accepting the invitation. Ramona is perplexed. She is surprised that the German student apparently considered her acceptance as absolutely binding.

1. What is the Romanian student's idea of invitations among students?
2. Why is the German student angry at Ramona for not showing up for her party?