



Overall evaluation organization (by students)

Host institute:		Number of forms received
HA	Haarlem – The Netherlands	10
EI	Eindhoven – The Netherlands	6
BE	Bergen – Norway	8 out of 9
DU	Dublin – Ireland	9 out of 10
TU	Turku – Finland	8
MA	Malta	8
CO	Coimbra – Portugal	6
BF	Belfast – UK	7
AT	Athens – Greece	2
PO	Porto – Portugal	5
LU	Lund – Sweden	3

2004															
to:	HH	HE	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	BD	AT	PO	LU	total	
from:															
Haarlem			5			2	2							9	
Eindhoven					2	1	2	2						7	
Bergen	2	2			2	2	2	2	3		2	2		19	
Ipswich														0	
Dublin		3				1	2	2						8	
Turku	2	1	2											5	
Malta			1		4				2					7	
Coimbra	1		1			2								4	
Belfast	3													3	
Budejovice														0	
Athens					2				2				3	7	
Porto	2													2	
Lund												3		3	
	10	6	9	0	10	8	8	6	7	0	2	5	3		
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1: Information received in advance on:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

1.1 host institution

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1			3	1			2					
2	1			2	1		1			1		
3	5	1	2	5	2	5	2	1		3	1	
4	3	3		1	4	2	1	6	2	1	2	
5	1	2	3		1	1						

1.2 living accommodation

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1	1			1			4					
2	2	2	2	4		1	1	1		4		
3	7			3	3	4		2		1	1	
4		2	6	1	4	3	1	4	1		2	
5		3			1				1			

1.3 travel arrangements

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1				3			3					
2				1	2		1	1		1		
3	4	2	1	3	5	4	2	2		4	2	
4	5	2	2	2	1	4		1	1		1	
5	1	2	4					3	1			

1.4 cost of living

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1				1		1	2			2		
2	2			3		1		1		2		
3	4	1	3	5	4	2	3	3		1	3	
4	2	4	3		4	4	1	3	1			
5	1	1	2						1			

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1.5 host country

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1				1			2					
2	1		1	4	1	2	1					
3	3	1	1	2	4	2	3	2		1	2	
4	5	4	2	1	3	4		3	1	3	1	
5	1	1	4	1				2	1	1		

Comments:

Eindhoven :

- I love Holland !! (Dublin)

Coimbra:

- The school internet pages were helpful, but we should have received more information via e-mail before we left about things such as living accommodation.(Bergen)
- Very little information was given. We were *not* told in Dublin about the Erasmus web site. We were *not* told about accommodation, course etc. Until the very last minute very little help was provided.

Turku:

- The fact that 6.01 is a holiday here you should inform students about. We arrived 2.01 believing school started Monday 4.01, (Bergen)
- I was in Copenhagen airport before I got an e-mail to say somebody would meet me in Turku airport and that they had the key to my apartment. This is not acceptable. I did not know if I would have to spend 3 nights in a hotel. (Dublin)
- All the information was really well organized (Haarlem)

Dublin:

- Not much information given on the above beforehand (Malta)
- I think we should have been given more information about the accommodation, because it was really inappropriate. Also I believe that it would be better if all the Erasmus students stayed together in a student house located near by. This way we would have had the chance to get to know each other better (Athens)

Athens:

- I would have liked to know more about the host institution, the schedule of when we were staying in school or in practice before I left to Athens.
- I would have like to have more information about the clinical placement before.

2: TRAVEL from home to host country

2.1 comfort

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1												
2												
3	2		1	3		4	1	2		2	1	
4	6	2	1	6	7	4	5	2	1	3	2	
5	2	4	6		1			3	1			

2.2 Did you have any problems to find your accommodation?

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
10	1	5		8	1	8		8		8		6		7		2		5	2	1	

Comments:

Haarlem:

- Travelled by plane. Train travel from Amsterdam Airport to accommodation took a long time but was OK. We were met at the airport and accompanied to the accommodation (Bergen)
- I was accompanied from the beginning until the end of the program by the guiding students. A very good idea! Very helpful (Coimbra)

Bergen:

- It was nice that we were picked up from the airport by car by two students who brought us to our apartment (3x)

Dublin:

- We had to take a taxi. Nobody met us at the airport (Bergen)

Turku:

- We had a student tutor who picked us up at the airport. She drove us to our accommodation. If we were on our own it would have been difficult. (Bergen)
- It is nice that someone will pick you up at the airport to bring you to your room (Eindhoven, Haarlem)

Porto:

- It was very nice that we were picked up at the airport and got help finding the apartment.

Athens:

- Very nice of our teacher to pick us up at the airport and drive us to our excellent accommodation!

3. Language study

3.1 In your own country:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1	5	5	7	1	8		2		1	2		
2	2	1							1	2		
3	1			3			3	4				
4				2			1	2		2	2	
5			1	3				1			1	

3.2 In the host country:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1	8			1					1	2		
2	1		2	2	1				1	2		
3	1	2	3	4	3	1	2	5		1		
4		2	2	2	4	2	4	1			3	
5		2	1			2		1				

Comments:

Haarlem:

- We were informed that a Dutch course would be given, but this was not the case. This was very disappointing given that we were to spend time in a Dutch hospital (Belfast)
- From Finland we got a couple of Dutch cassettes that is all. In Holland we did not get the Dutch course as promised.
- I studied on my own. No language study was given despite of promise. *Must* be changed for next year.
- All the language I learned (a little bit) was by myself (Coimbra)

Eindhoven :

- The language classes were excellent! And helped me so much to communicate.

Bergen:

- We used an apartment of two students who went to another country. That was very nice because we had our own place.
- The apartment was very good, especially compared to the internat where the other students had a room.
- Even if the accommodation is not very expensive it is almost twice what I pay in Portugal.
- The accommodation was below average, but it was nice to meet new people there.

Coimbra:

- We were not given any help or encouragement to learn Portuguese in our home country (Dublin)
- No emphasis was placed on learning this language in our own country (Dublin)
- We did not have language study at the school at home, just private (Bergen)

Dublin:

- Basics of a language should be given before starting sentences or speech(2x Malta)

Belfast:

- Haven't had any language study at home (2x from Bergen)

Turku:

- Did not have any language study in my own country. In Finland the language study was well organised (Haarlem, Coimbra)
- Tapes provided by my school were inadequate (no English translation) I contacted a Finnish nurse that I knew. Finnish language classes in Turku were too basic to allow us to interact with either patients or staff within the hospital (Dublin)

Athens:

- There was no language study when we arrived, but we could have studied on our own.

4. Living accommodation

4.1 comfort:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1			1	1						1		
2	1		1	3		2		2		3		
3	5	1	2	3	1	3	4	1		1		
4	4	1	1		4	3	2	3	1		2	
5		4	3	2	3			1	1		1	

4.2 costs:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1		3	1		1	1	2		1			
2	3	1			5	3	4					
3	3	1		2		4		5	1	1		
4	4	1	7	2	1			2		3	1	
5				5	1					1	2	

Comments:

Eindhoven :

- I think 275 Euro\month is too much for one room (Turku)

Coimbra:

- Our apartment was OK, but should have had a living room. It was not easy to be social. There was a spare room that maybe could have been used for that purpose (Bergen) 2x
- Our first accommodation was very poor, but our co-ordinator in Coimbra was very helpful and found us new accommodation which was very good (Dublin) 2x.

Dublin:

- Very expensive room if you live with two in one room 90 Euro per person per month. If one person lives in the room it is the same price. For two it should be cheaper! (Eindhoven, Bergen)
- The family was excellent and I would encourage others to go there (Malta 2x)

Turku:

- Marks 4 and 5 from Coimbra
- This was really good arranged (Haarlem)
- Perhaps the school should recommend that all radiography students apply to live in the same area, so we have a better opportunity to get to know each other (Dublin, Bergen)

Porto:

- We all think that the apartment has been really bad and that we have paid too much for living there. You did not even have your own room or bed.

Athens:

- We paid 225 euro each for the room we shared. We liked the apartment and near to the metro and in a safe area, even if it was far away from school and hospital.

5. Domestic travel

5.1 to and from school:

Comfort:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1				1		6			1			
2		1		3		1			1			
3	1		2	3	2	1	2	1		3	1	
4	7	2	5	1	4		2	2		1		
5	2	3	1	1	2		2	4		1	2	

Costs:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1		3	6		4	8	4	6	2	3		
2	4	3		1	2		1			1		
3				1			1	1		1	1	
4	5		1	7	2							
5	1		1								2	

5.2. to and from hospital:

Comfort:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1				1		6			1			
2	1	1		4		1		xx	1	1		
3	4	1	1	3	2	1	1	xxx		3	1	
4	4	2	4	1	6		5	xx		1		
5	1	2	3								2	

Costs:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1		2	4		4	8	2		2	1		
2	1	3		1	2		4	x		2		
3		1		2				xxx		1		
4	5		3	4	2			x		1	1	
5	4		1	2				xx			2	

Comments:**Haarlem:**

- Hospital was far away. 1 1'2 hour each way (Bergen)
- My travel was very expensive. I was not informed about the cost would be so much and was unable to budget for it (Belfast)
- We should have some discount for travelling in train to and from school, because it becomes very expensive (Coimbra)

Eindhoven:

- I did not have to pay my train tickets to Venlo and I always walked to school.

Coimbra:

- We had a bus ticket for a whole month and that one is cheaper than at home (Eindhoven)
- We walked to and from school.
- We were informed and very much helped to get bus passes, which were very cheap (Dublin)
- The bus services in Coimbra were extremely cheap compared to Dublin, times were convenient and the buses were comfortable.

Turku

- Mark 4 two times from Coimbra.
- I walked to and from school in about 20 minutes (Eindhoven)
- Two busses to get to Tyks, so have to leave at 7am to be there at 8am – too early! You have to be up at 6am (Dublin)
- In Turku travel possibilities are good and not expensive (Haarlem)

Porto:

- It was OK to take the bus every morning. But it was always full and we did not always get to the hospital in time, but we have learned that this is normal here!!

Athens:

- It took us an hour with bus and metro and the bus was often very crowded.

Belfast:

- We lived on the university campus and the travel costs to the hospital were refunded..

6. Cost of living

6.1 food:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1	1	1			1		2		1		1	
2	2	3		1	3			3	1	2	1	
3	5	2	1	2		2	4			3	1	
4	2		3	2	4	3		4				
5			4	4		3						

6.2 transport:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1		1			2	5	3		2			
2	1	2			2	2	3	1		3		
3	3	3		3	2	1		2		2		
4	6		3	1	2			2			1	
5	1		5	5				2			2	

6.3 social life:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	total
1		2					3		1			
2	1	3		1	1	3	2	3		4	1	
3	6	1			1	1	1	2	1	1	2	
4	2		3	1	4	2		1				
5	1		5	7	2	2		1				

Comments:

Bergen:

- Vegetables and meat are very expensive.
- From Maltese point of view it is very expensive, but as the same level of Japan.

Turku :

- Marks 4 and 5 from Coimbra, Eindhoven and Haarlem

Athens:

- Transport was very cheap. Bus and metro 17 Euro with a month card.

Belfast:

- We had to spend some money on taxis, because bus and train stopped after 10.00 p.m.

7. Activities

Were there activities organized in which you could take part?

1 Social 2. Cultural

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
10		6		5	3	9		8	1	6	2	6		7		2		5		3	
10		6		3	5	9		7		6	2	6		7		2		5		3	

Did these activities meet your needs?

1 Social 2. Cultural

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
9	1	6		4	4	0	9	8		6		5	1	7		2		5		3	
9		6		4	4	7	2	8		5	1	6		4	3	2		5		3	

Comments:

Bergen:

- There was not organised very much, only a ski trip after 2 months, but that was not especially for us, but for all international students.
- Nothing was organised by our class mates or school department.
- It would be nice if there were some sight seeing in the beginning.

Coimbra :

- When you organize a trip, please let it know a couple of weeks before and not 3 or 4 days (Eindhoven).
- We were taken to dinner many times and made feel very welcome. Our culture teacher brought us all around Coimbra and in general a very good impression of Coimbra was given. We enjoyed it very much! (Dublin)
- The social activities and cultural trips that were organised for us were organised very well and made me feel extremely welcome and gave me a good view and impression of Coimbra. The staff made a huge effort and were very nice (Dublin)
- I think the Erasmus week (week 14) is something we should get information of in much more advance. This seems to be a both social and culturally valuable week (Bergen)

Dublin:

- We were supposed to do an activity together, but it was cancelled.
- Only one social activity was organised and this did not allow interaction between host students and Erasmus students (2x Malta)
- There were not much social activities organised. Other Erasmus students I almost never saw them (Eindhoven)
- It was a nice experience to go to the national museum and gallery, because we learned something about the Irish history and art (Athens)

Turku:

- Most activities were organised by the IAC. They combined social and culture together like sledge riding party, sauna evenings and Lapland trip. Students organised an outing, but that was more social and fun. Museums or other sight seeing you had to do by yourself. (Eindhoven).
- The activities organised were nice, but as the placement was very exhausting (getting up early, getting home late – even later after the Finnish course) I did not have much energy in the evening ((Bergen)
- The arranged activities were probably nice, although for me 5 had no energy left after long and boring days in clinical placements. I did not participate in much ((Bergen).
- The activities weren't provided for only our class, but for all the exchange students of the polytechnic in Turku. I found it really great that the polytechnic supports financially the International Action Club, so they can organise things for us and school supported us to go and do cultural things and gave us free time. That was really good.(Haarlem)
- Two of the radiography students who were also student tutors were the only people who organised something for us (Wall climbing + party) Two radiographers from the city hospital organised a trip to the cinema and bowling. So very kind of them. The cultural week was excellent. Please keep this week in future programmes ((Dublin)

Porto:

- We have spent some time with the class and it was good to get to know other people. But we think that maybe we should have got more information about different arrangements like Erasmus parties and other student activities here in Porto. We mostly had to find out by ourselves.

8: Problems

8.1 Were you informed from the start where you could find help in case of problems?

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
8	2	6		6	2	9		8		8		5	1	7		2		5		3	

8.2 Were you informed from the start about arrangements in case of illness?

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
7	3	6		5	3	9		8		6	2	5	1	7			2	4	1	2	1

8.3 Did you experience any serious problem during the exchange?

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
2			6		8		9		8		8		6	1	6		2	1	4		3

8.4 If yes, was the problem solved adequately?

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
														1					1		

Haarlem:

- We were only informed who to notify. No information about the consequences of not coming to school for a certain period of time (Bergen)
- Only minor problems were experienced, although very often! Some were solved. I did have a mayor problem before arrival. Concerning a form. Nothing was done by the school to find a

solution. I eventually managed to arrange it, after one month of trying and with only three hours to spare (Bergen)

- I lost my flight, due to failure of the managers in complying with the check out on time! The international office did nothing to help me and I had to buy a new flight ticket with my own money. I hope that never happens again (Coimbra)

Coimbra:

- I became ill in the first week and needed some medicine and they took care of everything. Really nice! (Eindhoven)
- There were many people we could go to if we had any problems and we would have been comfortable talking to them (Dublin)
- The coordinators informed us of their telephone numbers in case of emergency or if we needed any help and there was a school doctor available in case of illness(Dublin)

Turku:

- I chipped radial head in left arm when ice skating on 6.01 No cast. My student tutor was to contact international office. I don't think the school here was informed. No adverse effects – pain + swelling for a few days. I did not know until 22.01 that it was broken
E111 and E128 forms did not cover emergency care. Why did we have to bring these forms? I had to pay for my treatment and x-ray.(Dublin).

Porto:

- We had problems with our apartment and some of these were not fixed (Lund)

Belfast:

- Problems with my pregnancy

9. Funding

9.1 Did you receive ERASMUS funding?

HA		EI		BE		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
10		6		8		9		8		5	2	6		7		2		5		3	

9.2 Did you receive additional funding from home or host country?

HA	EI	BE	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU
YES										
2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2		2	2

9.3 Which costs of the exchange could you cover with your funding?

Haarlem:

- Erasmus funding and a small funding from the organization that issues student loans (in Norway) was almost enough to cover rent.
- The main thing that funding covered was the rent and some living costs. I found it difficult towards the end to cope with living costs (Belfast)

Eindhoven:

- 2/3 of the rent
- a large percentage of my rent
- accommodation and flights
- flight and deposit money (Turku)

Bergen:

- Flight and accommodation (Turku, Coimbra)
- Flight and one month rent (Haarlem)
- We got about 1/7 of the money we had to spend here (Haarlem)

Coimbra:

- We got 110 Euro\month from the Erasmus funding. The rent was 150 Euro\month (Eindhoven)
- Two months rent (Eindhoven)
- Flight and accommodaton (Dublin)
- Fortunately my Erasmus funding allowed me to pay for my flights and accommodation costs for 3 months (Dublin)
- Flight, insurance and one month rent (Bergen) 2x

Dublin:

- Flights and half the accommodation. Life in Ireland is very expensive (Malta)

- Not even the rent of the room (Eindhoven)
- The funding I received was not appropriate for this country. Ireland is expensive. We were given 900 Euro. The flight costs 450 Euro and the accommodation 1290 Euro. (Athens)
- Flight and half the accommodation (3x Malta)

Belfast:

- Flights, accommodation and health insurance (Malta 2x)
- Flights (Bergen 3x)

Turku:

- Flight tickets (Bergen 2x)
- Flights and 1 month rent (Dublin)
- About 20% of my costs (Haarlem 2x)
- Travel and rent (Coimbra 2x)
- Flight ticket (Eindhoven)

Ma.ta:

- Flights (2x Bergen)
- Accommodation (2x Eindhoven)
- Part of the flights (2x Haarlem)
- Flights and half of rent (2x Dublin)

Porto:

- The rent and flights (Lund)
- The flights (Bergen)

Athens:

- We got about 400 Euro from Bergen and this covered our flights.

Lund:

- Accommodation and the tickets

10: Please give us your overall impression of this exchange and let us know what you think to have gained from this 'Erasmus experience'.

Haarlem:

- I think the Erasmus exchange is a good opportunity to see another country, but I don't think it was as good planned at school. I thought it was too much self study, because I did not know much about radiotherapy when I got here and it was hard to find out everything by yourself and in English. The schedule was a total mess. We did not know where to go to school the most of the time, because we did not get it the most of the weeks here and that is very frustrating. I think that where schools are saying yes to have exchange students everyone should talk English when the exchange students are present and that coaching students should take their responsibility because it is important for us to have someone to rely on (Bergen).
- I liked to study in Holland especially because of the good accommodation of the school (Skillslab). I really like the 2 weeks in the hospital, but it was too early. I did not have any information about ultrasound. I did not like the self study because in Portugal we have classes always with teachers and I think that this is the better way (Porto)
- The most important aspect was social. It was really nice to stay in a hostel with other students from different nationalities. In school it was nice because you have such good accommodation compared with Porto. I learned a lot and I am really happy with it, but I think we (Erasmus students) could have had a bit more full schedule. I was unhappy not to have the intensive Dutch course, because it would have been so much easier if we had had that. The clinical placement was not at the right time, because it was at the beginning of the program and I had no knowledge about ultrasound and the language. I did not much profit of this placement.. But I really like this experience in The Netherlands.
- The organisation in the school was good. The only thing bad was that we did not have the Dutch course. These have been a great three months! (Turku)
- I have really enjoyed my time at Inholland and Zandvoort. I have little complaint to make about any aspect of my time here. With regard to course I had little idea of what to expect, so it did not disappoint. I felt however that more hours with a teacher present lecturing would have encouraged me to learn more, While I was initially disappointed about the distance I had to travel to placement, due to special arrangements, refund of money and a very positive

experience in the hospital itself I thoroughly enjoyed my time. There could have been a higher level of organisation. On two occasions we arrived for a skillslab class we had on our schedule and the room was not free. If we had received our schedule more than a week in advance it would have been easier to organise travel. A Dutch course would have made placement a lot easier. I loved my time here in Holland and really would recommend this experience to anyone (Belfast)

- I would change nothing. There should be a possibility to be as an exchange student in this school of health more than three months (Turku)
- I have benefited greatly with regard to my knowledge of ultrasound, pathologies and scanning techniques. The schedules were clearly set out however I would like to have had it further in advance. I enjoyed the learning techniques and especially appreciated the time we had for practical experience. I feel that I learned a lot through my clinical placement, however may have benefited more if a Dutch language course was provided prior to my placement as I may have then more been able to communicate with patients. (Belfast)
- My overall impression of the school is not good. It seems unorganised. The problems even started before I came with problems with some forms. Information concerning changes, tests etc. was several times not given or given to other teachers instead of the student it was important for. Our coaching students were unreliable and getting the schedule on a weekly basis was irritating and hard to get used to. (We relied on the coaching students of our fellow students and they were great. They made a schedule, came to help us when they were supposed to and invited us to social events. I think it was nice and practical to relate to only one teacher and in de PBL meetings he was active, neither too much or too little. The schools greatest strength is the extensive use of skills labs (and having much equipment in the skills labs). The international office organised a great tour in Amsterdam. The country itself I like very much (it is my third visit) Travelling is easy, quick and reasonably cheap. I have made friends for life, met many friends and all in all enjoyed my stay. I have learned a lot about radiotherapy and combined with an excellent placement I have had a fairly good outcome of my stay both in school and social life (Bergen).
- I really enjoyed the Erasmus experience. It has proved to be a chance to see another country, to learn new cultures, to meet new people and make new friends. I also gained something new through learning about ultrasound. If I want to complete postgraduate education in this area in the future I consider that I have a head start. It was also good to go on clinical placement in Holland to experience how Dutch hospitals work. Although the language barrier was sometimes a problem because we did not receive a Dutch course. I enjoyed my time in Holland a lot and would recommend the Erasmus experience to anyone (Belfast)
- It was the best three months of my life! Of course there were some minor flaws in the program that need to be corrected, but you are on the good way. I can only recommend to every student I meet to take part in this program. There should be a little more interaction between the local and Erasmus students, including classes together. There should also be a better preparation from the international office to deal with some problems that arise during the exchange. I am aware of the problems, but the program should be extended to 6 months. We are the only ones with such a small program. I would like to congratulate you on a very successful program. Keep up the good work and thanks for everything (Coimbra)

Eindhoven:

- A big thank you for my stay here in Eindhoven. I had an excellent stay. Go on with what you are doing! (Bergen)
- Professional: Excellent knowledge of MRI, CT, US etc. Knowledge is invaluable both in theory and in practical environment for next year which I will start in Ireland. Also I want to do a post graduate in MRI.
 Personal: Meeting colleagues from Norway, Finland and Holland was excellent way to communicate and social interaction was very enjoyable 'Lot of parties'
 Cultural: Great experience of cultures of Netherlands and travelled to France and Belgium. Very interesting to see how other cultures behave.
 Conclusion: excellent experience overall.
- I really benefited a lot from this Erasmus exchange. I met so many new people and learned so many new things. I really experienced the Dutch culture and how the education system in Holland works. I finally got to work in an MRI department and was given the opportunity to study MRI in detail in a different educational environment. I feel more confident in my studies and am more interested to improve my studies because of this exchange program. I really

enjoyed my time here and will never forget my time here and all the people who made me feel welcome here(Dublin)

- I think that the Erasmus exchange is very well run by the host institute. I found difficulty with the language in my clinical setting which irritated me as I like clinical. I have become a more independent person which helps me. I know now what I am capable of and know that I will have no trouble travelling in my own in future years. The Dutch people are very friendly which helps greatly in settling in. Also they are willing to speak English to help you out. All in all the exchange was very well run and I would recommend anyone to go on the Erasmus exchange in future years. (Dublin)
- I think everything went very well and there were no problems. Lectures are very interesting and challenging and the group was the best. (Turku)

Bergen:

- Sometimes it was hard because I missed my family and boyfriend. My two weeks of practice in nuclear medicine were boring, but my practise in radiotherapy and mammography were very nice. We have seen a lot of Norway. For next years students it would be nice to have more time to do activities and if there were organised more activities. It was very nice to be here and I will recommend it to everybody (Haarlem)
- The practise period were wonderful and I have learned a lot. The period at school was good but is as not so good that all students were spread out for 8 weeks practise. We felt a little bit alone, no recreative activities were organised, but we have done a lot of things and I like the country very much. The time I had as an Erasmus student I will never forget. (Haarlem)
- Everyone was very nice for us, things were well arranged so we really felt welcome. (Haarlem)
- The costs were a bit high, because I had to pay for a house in the Netherlands and in Norway at the same time, without earning money here. It was a nice time to improve myself in life. I learned a lot 'Norge' and that was very nice (Haarlem).
- Joining the Erasmus exchange was something I was looking forward to do since the first year of my course. Although Bergen was not my first choice I don't regret it. I think I learned a lot here, met nice people, saw a beautiful country and had many good times. It was very good and challenging to work in a health system so different from the one I am used to. The language was a challenge also. Patients and health care staff were so nice and helpful and made things a lot easier. Even though I could not improve my communication skills with the patients I think I learned a lot about patient care. I am sure this exchange will be very good for my future career and I will always remember it as a great experience on a professional and personal level ((Coimbra)
- I was really satisfied with the programme. The school in Norway was well prepared to accommodate Erasmus students. Teachers in Norway were well prepared for the lectures and helpful. The overall impression of the Erasmus programme is very good and I appreciated the opportunity I was given to study abroad. However some documents such as hospital regulations or protocol were not available in the English language. I could not follow certain things. Also the language problems in practise have to be cleared in future from both students and host institution sides (Malta)
- It was a very good experience. We saw a lot and met many nice people. Presentations were interesting and many lectures too! Thank you for everything (Turku)

Coimbra:

- The Erasmus project was very nice. I would say everybody has to do this once in their lives! It was a nice experience, especially to see how people from another country live and work. We got also enough time to see something of the country (Eindhoven)
- I was very impressed with the Erasmus programme in Coimbra. We were made feel very welcome and we were very encouraged to report any problems we had to get help. The course in Coimbra was well run. Timetables were given in advance and we always knew where we were supposed to be. I felt comfortable with the lectures and felt I could approach them if necessary. The people in Coimbra were very friendly and helpful and tried to make the Erasmus experience a very enjoyable one for us. Academically and socially I benefited greatly from the Erasmus programme, however preparation in our home institute was poor. We received hardly any information about the host country, or the CT course. Hence we did not really know what to expect. My general impression of the course was very good. I am delighted to have part taken and would recommend the course to future students – especially Coimbra! (Dublin)
- I liked Erasmus very much. I learned a lot (at school and in the hospital) even though a lot was a repeat from home. The host institute helped me during my illness and that was really nice.

The contact between us and the coordinator during the school period was OK, during hospital period maybe too less. If we had contact it was through our teacher in there. The lessons in school were interesting, especially Portuguese language. The work in the hospital was also nice. I had the luck that my friend and me could do a lot of examinations, so that we had to do something. If we only had to look, it was too boring for me. For the rest we also had the opportunity to see a lot from the country. We live together with two other girls in the apartment. It was OK, although we have had our problems. Also 3 months is long enough. It is exactly the correct period. It has been a great experience for me. I am glad I did it! (Eindhoven)

- Throughout my 3 months in Coimbra I have been extremely impressed with the Erasmus programme here. The coordinators and lecturers were more than helpful and welcoming. Sometimes beyond what I expected. The lectures were very good in general and it was easy to learn quickly, without being under pressure. Our clinical placement was very interesting and worthwhile. As we saw a wide range of procedures and travelled to different hospitals. Coimbra and its people treated me extremely well and I am left with an excellent experience both academically and socially, however I felt the organisation in Dublin was very poor. It was not until the last minute that I found out any information and what I found out was very vague. This put me under pressure and distorted my view of Erasmus and Coimbra before I left Ireland. I was not informed about the Erasmus web site and as a result I did not know that we had to make our country presentation of the first day in Coimbra, so we were unprepared for this, which was embarrassing for us and for University College Dublin.
- This trip to Portugal with Erasmus has been very valuable for me. I have learned about the Portuguese language, culture, school systems and social life. I would have liked though to have had more contact with the Portuguese students here. This was really good, the first week. They were really nice to us and I would have liked to know them better. I am very happy I went to Portugal for my exchange. I would like to emphasize the need of information more in advance, like 'the jeep tour' that was planned, but we never heard more. I would really have liked to go on a trip together with someone who knows something about the places. (Bergen)
- Most of the lessons were really good and the teacher in clinical was really good. The students and staff welcomed us in a good way, showing us a lot of the city, where to shop etc. That was really good. I miss much more information and the information has been given to us too late. I also think we could have some classes with the Portuguese students so that we were able to have more contact with them. Information about grades etc. should be given to us on the first day, not at the end. All in all a good Erasmus stay! (Bergen)

Dublin:

- As an overall experience the exchange was wonderful and useful. Lectures and clinical placements were satisfactory and I learned a lot about interventional radiography. The problem that I encountered was that the Erasmus students were not living together and that we did not have time to socialize (Malta)
- Loved the clinical experience, but the accommodation was poor and expensive. It took us about one and a half hour to get to school, hospital and city center. Monthly rent and transportation costs 300 + 65 = 365 Euro (Bergen)
- I consider the Erasmus exchange to be the experience of a life time. If I had problems these were all solved with the aid of the coordinator. We were all given the best possible help and all lecturers showed real interest in the students. The content of the lectures was really interesting and this is the most important part of the program for me because this is why I chose to come to Ireland. With all the information given by the lecturers and the radiographers in the hospital I was able to expand my knowledge in many fields. I learned about new procedures and machines of which I had little or no knowledge. The only drawback was that we did not have much free time in order to see Ireland and to interact with the other students, but I have no regrets for coming and I would do it all over again if I was given the chance (Athens).
- It was the most important experience of my life. I would like to have experiences like this in the future! It was however a most tiring period. We were feeling many times under pressure and we faced many problems, but now we feel stronger, have more confidence and we have a broader knowledge (Athens)
- Very long school and clinical hours which did not leave time for us to socialize. However the lectures and placements were very interesting which led to progression in our knowledge. Cost of living was very high and the funding was not enough to cover all our needs. Just one social activity was organised. A very positive point is that we were given the opportunity to work in different hospitals which improved our learning skills. Accommodation (family home)

was great. They welcomed us immediately, made us feel at home and helped and supported us in all our problems and needs. More students should be placed in this family home. In my opinion they would not find any better. They are simply fantastic (Malta)

- It was a nice experience. I really liked it and I learned new things. The only things I did not like was that the exchange students were not living together, that we had to do a lot of travelling and most of the time finished late from school and therefore could not go out much on weekdays. (Malta)
- Our accommodation was excellent. It helped us feel at home as the family gave us all the support needed. I encourage other students to choose this accommodation. The family was very welcoming and helpful (Malta)

Belfast:

- The experience was excellent!. Apart from the knowledge I gained in my area of study I was also given the chance to experience independence and responsibility. Also this experience gave me the opportunity to meet lots of people from different cultural backgrounds. The country and the people are very nice. I really wish that I could stay a bit longer, maybe a whole semester would be better (Malta)
- I really enjoyed the past three months and have experienced things that I would never be able to back in Malta. I have met people who have shown me the different cultures of the world and have become my friends in a country where I knew no one. These friends have also been my family and have listened to me and helped me in my time of need. I have learned the true meaning of the word independence and I am sure it will be beneficial to me throughout my life. I have also become more tolerant, responsible and calm. The country is beautiful with extremely friendly people who willingly help you in any and every way possible. I am greatly going to miss everyone and everything here in Belfast and will cherish every moment of the past three months forever (Malta)
- We wrote a research project where we had a supervisor we could ask if we had any problems. But we did not have much about research in general. 5 weeks clinical placement was a bit too long when we did not have one special modality where we were supposed to learn something special. 5 weeks observing modalities, meeting new people every day and 3 different hospitals was a bit stressing. The accommodation and living next to the school was good. Irene McIntyre, our supervisor, has been really good to us and took good care of us (Bergen)
- I liked the accommodation and the fact that we lived on the campus with other international and local students. That gives you the chance to meet people and have more social life. Our coordinator and supervisor was great. The five weeks in clinical placement felt a bit long, since we were mostly observing. (Bergen).
- The Erasmus supervisor was very good. I had expected more lectures and to be in a radiography class, because one goal was to learn better English. Living on the campus was very good (Bergen)
- In general my impression is very good. I find persons here nice and very kind, ready to help us and give us the information we need. The university is wonderful and provides us with plenty of amenities that we cannot find in Greece. I was impressed by the variety of activities we could attend, by the library and the environment which was cleaned and well decorated. The scenery where the campus is located is wonderful. On the other hand I have to say that life here is very expensive and I spent much more money than I expected. Being an exchange student was a great experience. I met so many people that are completely different than me and I have made friends (international students). It was extremely important that I was informed about the medical and educational system in the U.K. I noticed a different culture and mentality. Hospitals in Greece are much more different and also the way of working. Moreover I experienced new techniques and saw machines that are not available in Greece yet, such as PET, PET/CT or MRI-spectro. I also learnt to use digital x-ray.

Turku:

- I appreciated the skiing holiday and the cultural week. The cultural week is something that should be kept! This week was all about Finland, we had time and energy to explore and enjoy. The lessons with dr E Svedstrom, the nuclear medicine lesson and the ultrasound lesson was very good. The school facilities were also nice, the kafeteria, library, computer rooms (but the school closes too early!) The placement weeks were mostly bad. I had some good placement weeks, but the general impression I am left with is that I did not learn as much as I wanted and the days were very long and boring. Most radiographers did not care for us, nor did they speak to us. Shorter weeks and fewer weeks probably will help. The placement should preferably be in U Rontgen (Children) after all the theme is Paediatric

radiography. I did not see *any* paediatric cases until my 6th week in placement. The placement makes our social life non-existent. The teachers encourage us to get to know Finnish people, other students, the town etc. For that however we need time! Maybe a tip to the coming students all to live in the same complex. We lived in 4 different places.

If you don't count the lesson from dr. Erkki (which we only had three days before the exchange ended obviously because our group had complained about the lack of paediatric radiography lessons) we only had two lessons scheduled. Nuclear medicine, which is not relevant for the Portuguese as nucl. Med. is a separate 4 year course there and ultrasound which is more or less not relevant for Norwegians as we don't perform ultrasound as radiographer.

An example: When our timetable said: 'paediatric radiography', we expected a lesson of examinations etc. Quite the contrary. We got a hand out with tasks we were to do, mainly consisting of evaluating x-rays what examination they were, what projection etc. The next lesson consisted of a hand out with questions like 'what is paediatric radiography', 'what skills do you need as paediatric radiographer' etc. These were all questions we could have answered if we had some lessons concerning the subject. But in this way we were supposed to make up our own answers. So the conclusion is: more lessons in the theme, like children's diseases, psychology, hints to improve, shorter placements. The fact that Helena is ill has NOT influenced the outcome of our stay (Bergen)

- Finland is a beautiful country and Turku is a beautiful city. However I came here in an exchange program offering paediatric radiography, which I was very disappointed with. I feel that there weren't enough lectures and that the clinical placements weren't based in paediatric departments. Why does Turku offer this theme when the National Childrens hospital is in Helsinki? The lectures on the 'Finnish child' were poor. The exam consisted of 'playing with a doll' The most difficult thing about dressing or undressing a baby is that a baby moves... The instructions on how to lift, turn.. a baby were in Finnish + the lecturer could'nt/would'nt translate it.

My home institute had told me to book my flights that the Erasmus programme began on 5-Jan. I had paid for my flights before the host institution informed me that they began on 7 Jan. 6-Jan. is a holiday in Finland every year. I arrived on 2 Jan, as it was the only available flight to be there in time. Those first 5 days were very long and lonely and unnecessary!

I certainly think that I have become a stronger and more cynical person as a result of this programme. The first few weeks were extremely lonely for me. I seriously considered going home. I had limited contact with other Erasmus students, due to our long hours in clinical. Radiographers should be able to communicate with us and try to speak English. It was during the cultural week (week 10) that I had the opportunity to know other students. I have become more cynical because of my disappointment with the course. The academic and clinical aspects of this programme did not live up to my expectations at all.

However I do have some good memories of my stay in Turku. Most of these are from week 10 onwards. The trip to Lapland was amazing. My life in Finland became much easier and more fun when I got to know the other Erasmus students. For this reason I suggest that the lectures are at the beginning of the programme. The ultrasound demonstration was fun.. The cultural week was the chance of a life time for me to visit Lapland. This programme has a huge potential. I don't think we were adversely affected by Helena's absence (Dublin)

- My overall impression is really great. I love the country, have seen a lot, specially because school gave us a lot of time to do that. School however was not really what I expected, but it was nice. We did not have to work very hard or anything and it was not difficult. Clinical placements were OK, but really different per department. Some were really nice, others were quite boring because no one of the staff talked to you.(Haarlem)
- For me this Erasmus experience was really good. I have to be honest and say that the school programme and the clinical placement was not like I expected, but I really had a good time here in Finland. I met a lot of nice people here. I made some new friends and I will never forget this country. Finland is very different from Portugal, but it was good to know a different culture, a different weather. Finland is very beautiful. I think I will miss you (Coimbra)
- Finland is a beautiful country and I am really glad I came here. But for the school subject it was not what I thought it would be. I expected to learn more about paediatric examinations, if there are special things you can do or how you have to change your parameters compared with adults. I did not want to learn how to dress and hold a baby. The lessons in school were good and the teachers (most of them) explained things in a good and understandable way. In clinical placement I expected to see more children but it is also nice to see different

departments. A big problem was that the radiographers don't speak English. This makes it difficult to learn more. I did not learn much professionally, but I have learned things about myself and that was also a reason for me to come here. I had a great time and saw a lot of Finland, met other people and had a lot of fun. The teachers here are very nice and help you. Thanks for the great time! (Eindhoven)

- Turku and Finland are nice. I liked the school with its facilities when I arrived here and the place where I lived. When I started the clinical placements I felt this was too soon. The students had not got to know each other at all. The staff at the different hospitals and departments showed varied interest in us. The learning was poor, due to language difficulties and most important due to very few paediatric patients. The days were long and boring and with the Finnish course on top it took all my energy. At this point I felt that this was not as expected. I did not learn much and did not have much fun. The week of lectures was OK, although I felt it was not enough and placed too late. The cultural week we had was great. (Bergen).

Malta:

- Very good. The clinical placement was very different, older, but still a good experience. The only problem was to understand the radiographers, since everything is in the Maltese language. This made it kind of frustrating, but the people are very friendly. The living accommodation was very good. It was a real good place to stay, because there are many other students. All in all a very good stay and a good experience (Bergen).
- The teachers and the people at the hospital have been very nice and friendly. The clinical placement was different than home, but a good experience. It has been really great (Bergen)
- It was really educative. It is nice to be in another country for a couple of months. You see that things can be different from your home country. You get a broader view. It was also nice to meet a new culture from a lot of people from different countries. I had a really great time here and I would recommend it to every other student (Eindhoven).
- It is a good experience to live in your own without the help of your family and friends. You become more independent (Eindhoven)
- I have learned a lot of things at school and at my clinical placement. It was really nice to talk to the Maltese people and to do a lot together. Everybody was so nice and friendly and I have learned a lot about Malta and its culture. There were no problems at all and I would recommend it to everybody (Haarlem)
- It is so nice to feel really at home in a country where you only have been for three months. The organization was OK and there was always someone if you needed any help (Haarlem)
- I had a most enjoyable time here in Malta. I thought everything was well organised. The accommodation at Garden view is basic, but the location is excellent and it is a great place to meet the exchange students. Our clinical placement was well planned. We were allowed to choose where we spent our time and were given the option to work on Fridays to take time of when needed. I thought this was very friendly. The workload was not too much. There was a good balance between lectures and clinical and everybody was very nice and helpful (Dublin)
- I have had a very enjoyable and educational time in Malta on Erasmus. Although I took a time to settle in, I feel that I did so well and adapted to the Maltese setting. I feel that the accommodation was a great benefit to us as it created an opportunity to meet other students from all over the globe, making our stay more interesting. The staff were friendly and helpful in the school and in the hospital despite stressful working conditions. From the aspect of radiography I have been pleased with the program although it could have been more challenging for the students. From the point of view of the Maltese people and living it was a worth while experience to learn of a different culture. I was happy with my time here. Thank you (Dublin)

Porto:

- Good:
I think this was a life experience that I will have with me my entire life. I have met new friends which I hope to have contact with after I am back in Sweden. I experienced a new country with another culture and lifestyle. I have seen different hospitals and how they work in Portugal. This has been three months of fun, happiness and a lot of learning how people live here. I like the country and I want to go back here some day!
- Bad:
The apartment was bad, many things were broken and a lot of these things were not fixed. We lived in a house with many old people and they complained a lot on us students. Students should live nearer to other students.

I have not learned so much here about the examinations and the practical parts and I think that is because of the language problems.

- I was not very stratified with the place where we stayed. Would prefer a student place and somewhat cheaper.. I liked the country very much and wished that the exchange period was 6 months (Lund).
- I have had a great experience here in Portugal I really love the country and everything about it. But most of all I appreciate meeting so many wonderful people. I have made really good friends here. We have been really good accepted, everybody was so friendly and wanted us to enjoy our stay here (Bergen).
- I have really enjoyed my time her in Portugal and I will definitely come back. It was really good that we could have an apartment so near to everything, but it was too expensive. We talked to the Portuguese students and they were surprised that we had to pay that much. The apartment was old and we had some problems with it. I also think that we could have had one bed each. We have been travelling a lot and have seen many cities and it has been like three months of holidays. I would have expected to have more to do. I can't say I have learned very much about radiology, but I got to know a new country and culture, I have also seen hospitals and how they work. So even if I did not learn very much radiology I have learned other things. Portuguese people are very friendly, the class has been fantastic. Sandra helped us a lot in the beginning and that was really good!!

Lund:

- I think this is a very good experience for me. I saw a different country (a very beautiful one), culture and people, but the most important think is that I saw the way they work here. Very interesting. The teachers and the staff of the hospital were very kind and helpful in everything, also there was a very good organization. Impressive! My corridor was very good like roommates. I did not have any problems. The cost of living here is almost the same as in Greece. The only thing that is more expensive is transportation. I would recommend for sure the Greek students to go here.
- I was really anxious for this Erasmus trip before I departed for Lund. The first days of my arrival I felt strange, mixed sentiments of nostalgia and curiosity of the new things I was going to meet and see. Actually the experience was worth it. I met new people, and I got in touch with different habits not only from the Swedish students, but from the other international students as well. The working experience in the hospital was unique. I don't know if I am going to visit this country as a tourist. The only way to really see a different country is by taking part in this kind of exchange programs. It is worth to try it!
- I have learned a lot about the hospital and how people work in another country and a lot about digital systems and about Sweden and Swedish people. The country is very beautiful and our teachers were very kind. In general the people were very different.

Athens:

- We had a great time in Athens. We travelled around an saw other parts of Greece as well. The teacher who took care of us is great! We recommend all students to come to Athens (Bergen 2x)