

# Erasmus Radiography Group



Quality assurance

## Exchange 2005

### Overall evaluation organization (by students)

| Host institute:                | Number of forms received |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HA Haarlem – The Netherlands   | 6                        |
| EI Eindhoven – The Netherlands | 6                        |
| BE Bergen – Norway             | 8                        |
| DU Dublin – Ireland            | 1                        |
| TU Turku – Finland             | 5                        |
| MA Malta                       | 13                       |
| CO Coimbra – Portugal          | 5                        |
| BF Belfast - UK                | 2                        |
| AT Athens – Greece             | 7                        |
| PO Porto – Portugal            | 2                        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>55</b>                |

| 2005         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |           |     |
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| TO:          | Ha | Ei | Be | Ip | Du | Tu | Ma | Co | Bf | Bd | At | Po | Lu | total     | max |
| <b>From:</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |           |     |
| Haarlem      |    |    | 3  |    |    | 2  | 2  | 2  |    |    | 2  | 2  |    | 13        | 12  |
| Eindhoven    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 3  |    |    |    | 2  |    |    | 5         | 10  |
| Bergen       |    | 1  |    |    |    |    | 3  |    | 2  |    |    |    |    | 6         | 18  |
| Ipswich      | 2  |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 3         | 6   |
| Dublin       |    | 4  |    |    |    |    | 3  | 2  |    |    | 2  |    |    | 11        | 10  |
| Turku        |    | 1  | 1  |    |    |    | 2  | 1  |    |    |    |    |    | 5         | 6   |
| Malta        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |           | 10  |
| Coimbra      | 2  |    | 3  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 5         | 10  |
| Belfast      | 2  |    | 1  |    |    | 3  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 6         | 10  |
| C.Budejovice |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |           | 8   |
| Athens       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |           | 10  |
| Porto        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    | 1         | 6   |
| Lund         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |           | 6   |
| total        | 6  | 6  | 8  |    | 1  | 5  | 13 | 5  | 2  |    | 7  | 2  |    | <b>55</b> |     |
| max          | 12 | 10 | 18 | 8  | 10 | 6  | 10 | 8  | 10 | 8  | 10 | 6  | 6  |           | 122 |

# 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 |
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| 1      |    |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 2      |    |    | 1  |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 3      | 4  | 1  | 1  |    |    | 3  | 3  |    | 3  | 2  |    |       |
| 4      |    | 3  | 5  |    | 2  | 6  | 1  | 2  | 3  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 2  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 3  |    | 1  |    | 1  |    |    |       |

## 1.2 living accommodation

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

## 1.3 travel arrangements

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

## 1.4 cost of living

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

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## 1.5 host country

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

### Comments:

#### Haarlem:

- I was not informed about where I would be staying until a few days before I left home. Only then, it was because I e-mailed to ask (Belfast)
- Did not find out we had accommodation until 3 das before (Ipswich)

# 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      |    |    |    |    | 1  | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 3      |    |    | 3  |    | 1  | 5  | 1  |    | 2  | 2  |    |       |
| 4      | 3  | 5  | 4  |    | 3  | 5  | 3  | 2  | 4  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 3  | 1  | 1  |    |    | 2  | x  |    | 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 |  |
|    | 6 |    | 6 |    | 8 |    |   |    | 5 |    | 13 |    | 5 |    | 2 |    | 1 |    | 6 |    | 2 |  |

### Comments:

#### Haarlem:

- The students that met us at the station were excellent (Ipswich)
- It was such a relief to have the MBRT students meet us at the airport. I really appreciated it (Belfast).

#### Eindhoven:

- We were met at the Eindhoven airport by two MBRT students who brought us to our accommodation and showed us around the city. This was well organised and very much appreciated (Dublin).
- The people who met us at the airport did not know exactly where our accommodation was, but this was not a mayor problem. The students who met us were extremely helpful. A very nice introduction to the Dutch people (Dublin)

**Bergen:**

- A teacher brought us from the airport to our accommodation by Car (Haarlem 3x)
- First time in the plane I was excited, but it went very well. My accommodation was really luxury place. I got it in that way that a Norwegian student sent me some e-mail and asked if I want to live in his apartment. So everything went really well and the apartment was also cheaper than I expected (Turku).
- When I arrived I had to go to a lecture. It was really tiring, but the reception was excellent (Coimbra)
- The comfort of the travel was good, but it took a long time. I was in a plane during 4 hours and then 4 hours in a train. This happened because of the lack of information about our final destination, Gjøvik instead of Bergen.

**Turku:**

- No problems in finding accommodation as we had excellent tutors meeting us from bus station to help us. Our tutors were extremely helpful and made every attempt to make our 3 months as enjoyable as possible. They helped us settle in quickly.

**Malta:**

- A taxi met us on the airport. The bad thing was that we were not told where to meet (St. Lukes hospital or the university). This should be taken care of better (Bergen)
- We had problems finding the IHC. Someone should have met us at the accommodation, guiding us to the institute (Bergen)
- There was no taxi at the airport to pick us up (Dublin)

**Belfast:**

- Our teacher picked us up at the airport and drove us to our accommodation. Otherwise I think I would have had difficulties. Very good!

**Athens:**

- Our coordinator was very helpful in picking us all up at the airport personally and being as kind to drop us off at our accommodation (Dublin)

### 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      | 3  | 5  | 3  |    |    |    | 1  |    | 5  |    |    |       |
| 2      | 1  |    | 3  |    | 2  |    | 2  |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 3      | 2  | 1  |    |    | 1  |    | 1  |    | 1  | 2  |    |       |
| 4      |    |    | 2  |    | 1  | 3  | 1  |    |    |    |    |       |
| 5      |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |    | 2  |    |    |    |       |

**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 |
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| 1      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 2      |    | 1  |    |    | 3  |    | 1  |    | 5  |    |    |       |
| 3      | 4  |    | 1  |    |    | 5  |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 4      | 2  | 4  | 7  |    | 2  | 4  | 3  | 4  |    | 2  |    |       |
| 5      |    | 1  |    |    |    | 1  | 1  |    |    |    |    |       |

**Comments:**

**Haarlem:**

- Don't think the language is as necessary in Holland as in other countries (Ipswich)
- I found Dutch difficult to physically speak High G's etc (Belfast)
- I knew no Dutch before arriving in Holland. As most Dutch people have such excellent English I became very lazy about learning the language – one thing I regret most! (Belfast)

**Eindhoven:**

- The language classes were good, but because everybody spoke English to us we learnt only a small amount of Dutch (Dublin)
- We did not receive any language courses at home which I think was a disadvantage. I would have liked to have known more Dutch (Dublin)
- I really wanted to learn Dutch before coming here, but it proved very difficult. It took a long time to order my books and then pronunciations were difficult without CD's. Also the books concentrate a lot on grammar. Dutch lessons here were great as we learned useful phrases (Dublin).
- Excellent Dutch classes. Would have been nice to learn more if we had more time (Dublin)

**Bergen:**

- We did not have any language study in our own country (Haarlem 3x)
- I don't know what this question means, but when I came here I could not speak almost any English or Norwegian and now I am even dreaming in English (Turku)
- In our home country none organised (Belfast)
- My English learning in Portugal allowed me to have a proper communication with other people. About the Norwegian language the priority should improve (Coimbra)

**Turku:**

- Found Finnish language hard to understand (Belfast)
- I found the Finnish language very difficult to learn, even though there was an adequate course offered (Belfast)

**Malta:**

- Useful for non-English speakers (Dublin)
- Maltese language. Should learn common Maltese, because we are not able to use radiographic terms outside the Hospital (Bergen)

**Athens:**

- The time period of the exchange was too short to ever realistically learn a new language such as Greek, especially considering the alphabet. Useful phrases were picked up though (Dublin)
- The Greek lessons were too late at the end, but understand that this was unavoidable due to change of semesters (Dublin)

## 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      | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 2      | 2  |    |    |    | 1  | 5  | 2  |    |    |    |    |       |
| 3      | 2  |    | 1  |    | 3  | 6  | 2  | 2  | 3  |    |    |       |
| 4      |    | 3  | 4  | 1  |    | 1  | 1  |    | 4  |    |    |       |
| 5      |    | 3  | 3  |    | 1  | 1  |    |    |    | 2  |    |       |

#### 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      |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 2      |    | 1  | 1  |    |    | 3  | 3  |    | 1  | 2  |    |       |
| 3      | 1  | 2  | 4  |    |    | 4  | 1  | 2  | 1  |    |    |       |
| 4      | 1  |    | 3  |    |    | 4  | 1  |    | 4  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 4  | 1  |    | 1  |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |       |

#### Comments:

##### Haarlem :

- When arrived at the accommodation it was a shock for what we had paid for it. There was a list with the amenities for the room which were not all there. I had to buy pans etc. to cook with when these should have been supplied. (Ipswich)
- Not informed about lack of cooking facilities – had to buy cookery, cutlery saucepans etc. on arrival. Massive stove in kitchen however only three work. Not a lot for a shared kitchen. Grill is broke, oven is broke, washing machine door is broke. In bedroom pipes clogged constantly on arrival.
- The accommodation was expensive for what it was (Ipswich)
- Although warm and with added bonus of having a TV I found it very distressing to find the place crawling with mice/rats. This would be unacceptable at home and you would not be expected to pay at all for such living conditions. Had nightmares ever since seeing mouse/rat – very unpleasant.
- Accommodation was very basic, dirty at beginning and lack most of the essential amenities. One can not phone abroad. There were a lot of mice which is grossly unacceptable considering the price of the accommodation (Belfast)
- The bad thing was that we found mice in our room (Coimbra).

##### Eindhoven:

- One negative score on costs from Turku.
- My accommodation was much more expensive than many other Erasmus students with similar accommodation (3 x Dublin)
- I was really happy with my accommodation. My room was very small, but I had everything I needed. The house was beautiful. The people I stayed with were very helpful. Rent was very cheap and I felt the house was in a good location (Dublin)
- It was excellent that our accommodation was organised through the host institution. It was organised in advance. Also there was a lot of information made available about my accommodation.

##### Bergen:

- Three times score 4 for costs from Coimbra.
- There is a possibility to have TV and internet on your room as well and there is a washing machine for free use (Haarlem)
- Luxury place. Rent was cheaper than I have in Finland. Other costs are quite the same level
- The place where I lived for three months is a good place to be in. Good place to study and meet new people. The only bad thing is that it is more expensive than in Portugal.

##### Turku:

- Kitchen was not very well equipped. No kettle, no microwave, no grill (Belfast)

##### Malta:

- All very nice. Would be great if Erasmus students from other faculties were in the same (Dublin)
- I share an apartment with one girl in Norway and pay less than I did here with 2 other girls. Higher standard in Norway also (Bergen)
- Because the lack of a heater in the living room it was very cold at night and even at day in the beginning (Eindhoven and Haarlem)
- Negative scores above come from Turku and Bergen and from Haarlem only for the costs.

**Coimbra:**

- It is not nice that you don't have a living room (Haarlem).

**Athens:**

- Our accommodation was reasonably priced, well located and very comfortable

## 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      |    |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 2      | 1  | 1  | 1  |    |    | 3  |    |    | 2  |    |    |       |
| 3      | 3  | 3  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4  | 1  |    | 3  | 2  |    |       |
| 4      | 1  | 1  |    |    | 1  | 4  | 2  |    | 2  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 1  | 1  | 3  |    | 3  |    | 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      |    | 4  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 6  | 2  | 2  | 2  |    |    |       |
| 2      |    |    |    |    | 2  | 6  | 2  |    | 3  | 2  |    |       |
| 3      | 1  | 2  |    |    | 1  | 1  | 1  |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 4      | 1  |    | 1  |    | 1  |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 4  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |

## 5. Domestic travel

### 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      |    |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| 2      | 2  | 1  |    |    |    | 3  |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 3      | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 5  | 2  | 2  | 5  | 2  |    |       |
| 4      | 1  | 4  |    |    | 1  | 3  | 2  |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 1  |    |    |    | 2  |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |       |

#### 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      |    |    |    |    | 1  | 5  | 1  |    | 2  |    |    |       |
| 2      |    | 2  |    |    | 1  | 7  | 3  |    | 3  | 2  |    |       |
| 3      |    | 1  |    | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 1  |    |    |       |
| 4      | 1  | 1  |    |    | 1  |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 5  | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |

#### Comments:

##### Haarlem:

- The school paid part of the costs in the travel for hospital , so we only paid 30 euros. which is not expensive (Coimbra)
- Very far (Belfast)
- It was great to be reimbursed the travel expenses to and from the hospital (Belfast)

##### Eindhoven:

- Travel to and from hospital was very expensive. There was a problem getting refunded after two weeks, which made it difficult to afford. I expressed this to the coordinator, but he did not seem to be able to help.(Dublin)
- I was very well located just a short distance from both the school and the hospital. I also received a bike as part of my accommodation arrangements (Dublin).
- Travel to school by bus was very expensive. Travel to hospital very expensive, but got it all back from college so actually very cheap (Dublin)
- I walked or cycled to college so there was no cost difference to home. Travel to the hospital was expensive, but our money was refunded and this was excellent.

##### Bergen:

- The school and the hospital are on walking distance, but you can get a cheap student card for the bus for a month Overall the costs of travel are more expensive (Haarlem)
- I have walked almost everywhere, s I have not used any money for that (Turku)
- I had to walk 30 minutes, but that was not a big problem. I walked because the bus was too expensive. The school covered all the costs to the clinicalplacement, but I had to make 42 kilometers every day to go to Lillehammer hospital and 68 to Stensby (Coimbra)
- I woke up at 4.30 during 3 weeks and 5.30 another three weeks. It was tiring. The clinical placement should be nearer (Coimbra)



**Turku:**

- Busses extremely frequent and cheap (Belfast)

**Malta:**

- Buses very cheap compared with home, although quite uncomfortable (Dublin)
- Buses are overcrowded and come and go as they like. Takes a long time to get from one place to another ((Bergen)

**Coimbra:**

- We had to travel 40 min. to the hospital every day. That is a bit too far Haarlem)

**Athens:**

- Travel was very cheap in Greece. Travel to/from Attikon hospital took up to an hour in the morning (Dublin)
- Several methods of travel had to be used. The cost of travel was very cheap and the use of a monthly travel card was brilliant (Dublin)

## 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      |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |       |
| 2      | 1  | 4  |    |    |    | 3  | 3  | 2  | 1  |    |    |       |
| 3      | 4  |    |    |    | 1  | 9  | 2  |    | 3  |    |    |       |
| 4      |    |    |    | 1  | 3  | 1  |    |    | 3  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 1  |    |    |    | x  |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |

### 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  |    |    | 1  | 4  | 1  |    | 2  | 2  |    |       |
| 2      |    | 1  |    |    | 1  | 7  | 3  |    | 3  |    |    |       |
| 3      |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 2  | 1  |    |    |       |
| 4      | 5  | 4  |    |    | 1  |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |

### 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      |    | 3  |    |    |    | 5  | 1  | 2  |    | 2  |    |       |
| 2      |    | 3  |    |    |    | 6  | 4  |    |    |    |    |       |
| 3      | 1  |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |    | 3  |    |    |       |
| 4      | 4  |    |    |    | 3  |    |    |    | 2  |    |    |       |
| 5      | 1  |    |    | 1  | 2  |    |    |    | 2  |    |    |       |

**Comments:****Eindhoven :**

- Trains reasonably priced, but buses very expensive. (Dublin)
- The Netherlands was overall a very cheap country to live in. Public transport was quite expensive but the service was good. Food was cheaper than at home. Social life was excellent! Brilliant nights at reasonable process (Dublin)
- Social life in Eindhoven is excellent (Dublin)

**Bergen:**

- Food etc. are more expensive and there is less choice than what I am used to, but when you cook with more persons it becomes cheaper (Haarlem).
- Living in Norway costs quite the same as in Finland. So it was no shock for me. I have used more money than usually for my social life, but I don't want to count that.

**Athens:**

- The cost of living is roughly the same as in Ireland, only transport is cheaper

## 7. Activities

Were there activities organized in which you could take part?

**1 Social 2. Cultural**

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| 6  |   | 6  |   | 8  |   |    | 1 | 5  |   | 2  | 11 | 3  | 2 |    | 2 | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |
| y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n  | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n |
| 6  |   | 4  | 2 | 8  |   |    |   | 5  |   | 13 |    | 5  |   |    | 2 | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |

Did these activities meet your needs?

**1 Social 2. Cultural**

| HA |   | EI |   | BE |   | DU |   | TU |   | MA |   | CO |   | BF |   | AT |   | PO |   | LU |   |
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| 6  |   | 3  | 3 | 6  | 2 | 1  |   | 5  |   |    |   | 5  |   |    | 2 | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |
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| 6  |   | 5  | 1 | 8  |   |    |   | 5  |   | 12 | 1 | 4  | 1 |    | 2 | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |

**Comments:****Haarlem:**

- The MBRT students were very good to us inviting to parties, carting, big weekend etc.(Ipswich)
- Really enjoyed the uni trip to Amsterdam, gourmet Dutch meal, carting and laser games. All very well organised, a credit to all students involved.

**Eindhoven:**

- There were no organised social activities which was really a pity as we saw so little of the Dutch students. We managed to organise our own social activities for the group. Cultural activities were not organised, but we were here for carnival which was very cultural! Also a cultural lecture that was scheduled was excellent, really educational and highlighted many cultural differences. It really was a pity that we did not have more of those sessions. A boat trip was organised and was excellent and enjoyed by all (Dublin)
- Brilliant boat trip! Philips tour also very interesting (Dublin)
- The sailing weekend organised was brilliant. We really appreciated it. It was a pity that we did not have more interaction with the Dutch students (Dublin)
- Had a brilliant time socially!! (Bergen)

**Bergen:**

- In Gjovik good activities were organised by school, teachers and even by students. I am happy I learnt and had a lot of fun in the extra school activities (Coimbra)
- It is really nice to have some activities organised, here we can see other persons, other cultures and different ways of life. Gjovik had some things organised (Coimbra)
- I thought that I wanted to use my weekends to travel around in Norway, but I haven't done that. It is not a problem because I have had so many activities here in Gjovik (Turku)
- In Bergen we only had a welcome party in week 7 and a ski day in the last week. I think that is too less to call a real social program (Haarlem 3x)

**Turku:**

- Culture day was very educational (Belfast)
- Would recommend all Erasmus students to participate in all IAC activities. Great way to get to know new people (Belfast)

**Malta:**

- Some social with other Maltese students. Good tours organised for local attractions (Dublin)
- We had cultural lessons and trips, but I don't see these as activities outside school (Bergen)

**Belfast:**

- No social or cultural activities were organize, so we had to arrange activities and find information ourselves.

**Coimbra:**

- Socially there was almost nothing organised by the students. We found most by ourselves (Haarlem)
- After three weeks a tour was planned. To late. Nothing else organised (Haarlem)

**Athens:**

- Our organiser made sure we had a very balanced program here in Greece. There were plenty of cultural, historical and educational trips organised. Mr. Panou did an excellent job ((Dublin)

## 8: Problems

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

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| 5  | 1 | 6  |   | 8  |   | 1  |   | 5  |   | 13 |   | 3  | 2 | 2  |   | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |

**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 |   |
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| y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n |
| 1  | 5 | 6  |   | 8  |   | 1  |   | 5  |   | 12 | 1 | 2  | 3 | 2  |   | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |

**8.3 Did you experience any serious problem during the exchange?**

| HA |   | EI |   | BE |   | DU |   | TU |   | MA |   | CO |   | BF |   | AT |   | PO |   | LU |   |
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| y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n |
| 3  |   |    | 6 |    | 8 |    | 1 |    | 5 | 13 |   |    | 5 |    | 2 | 1  | 6 |    | 2 |    |   |

**8.4 If yes, was the problem solved adequately?**

| HA |   | EI |   | BE |   | DU |   | TU |   | MA |   | CO |   | BF |   | AT |   | PO |   | LU |   |
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**Comments:**

**Haarlem:**

- Only after reporting the rats/mice twice to the accommodation office in uni, and also to house keeper and course tutor, poison was finally put down four days after I first reported it! It had previously been reported by other students 2 weeks prior, when they saw mice/rats in their room and no action at all was taken (Belfast).

**Haarlem:**

- We found the help desk where the administration of accommodation, e-mail etc. took place very poorly organised. We had to pay 5 months rent for 3 months. Then claim it back, but this is still in progress. We are also having great difficulty receiving our deposit. Very unsatisfactory! (Belfast and Coimbra)

**Eindhoven:**

- There were really few problems, but at the start we spent an entire day going around Eindhoven unnecessarily to the police station etc. and this was very frustrating (Dublin). There also was a problem about people going home. Some people needed to go home for college related activities and I think it was unfair that it caused a problem (Dublin)

**Malta:**

- Well informed from girl in university (Dublin)
- Only got the message that we could contact the people at school (Bergen)

**Athens:**

- My wallet was robbed and I fell sick once. All help was offered (Dublin)

## 9. Funding

### 9.1 Did you receive ERASMUS funding?

| HA |   | EI |   | BE |   | DU |   | TU |   | MA |   | CO |   | BF |   | AT |   | PO |   | LU |   |
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| y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n | y  | n |
| 6  |   | 6  |   | 8  |   | 1  |   | 5  |   | 13 |   | 5  |   | 2  |   | 7  |   | 2  |   |    |   |

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

| HA  | EI | BE | DU | TU | MA | CO | BF | AT | PO | LU |
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| YES |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 6   | 6  | 2  | 1  |    | 5  | 3  | 2  |    |    |    |

**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 really like this experience because I had the chance to know a lot of people, with different cultures and the opportunity to study elsewhere. Everyone was very nice with me, the Dutch students, the fellow in my accommodation and in my course it was very nice too. I had the chance to improve my English and also learned new things about pathology and about ultrasound. And of course the opportunity to know a new country with different culture. I can say that in these three months I grew up a little as person (Coimbra).
- I have really enjoyed my time in Holland, the university facilities were excellent. The lecturer was fantastic and was really approachable, friendly but firm as to what he required. I will be recommending future students to do the Erasmus. With being an older exchange student I would have preferred separate accommodation to the rest as there was a lot of partying which did not interest me. Very impressive, very informative, very enjoyable and positive experience for myself. The IPS insurance should be clearer as to if the UK students need to take it as we paid for an own insurance and did not need it (Ipswich)
- It was a wonderful experience!! I learned more things about ultrasound, I got to know another culture with a different way of life, different people from different countries and practised my English ((Coimbra)
- I thoroughly enjoyed every single minute of my Erasmus exchange. It has broadened my horizon and really implanted in me a strong desire to travel and explore other countries and cultures. Holland was the ideal choice for me and I would recommend it to anyone. It is a beautiful country with the Dutch people being the most sincere and helpful race I have ever met. They are always willing to assist you and speaking English as like second nature to most. It was great meeting with the other international students and I have made many friendships that I hope will last forever. My only negative point is that the 3 months are over now. I wish it was all just starting again! One thing is for sure I wouldn't have chosen anything to be differently (apart from sharing my room with mice/rats of course)!! Thank you very much for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! (Belfast)
- The Erasmus programme in Holland has been the best experience of my life. Three months for me is too little after making so many friends from many countries. The Erasmus in ultrasound I found very enjoyable. Geert our lecturer is an excellent teacher and made it enjoyable. The course was well organised and a lot of hard work from the MBRT students was put in and they were always willing to help us if needed. I made good friends with them all. For future years the accommodation arrangements and finances could be better organised as this was a problem for me. Overall this is a valued experience and I will look back to in years to come. I would recommend anyone to do this Erasmus in Holland. I will miss everyone here a here and hope to keep in touch with people (Ipswich)
- This Erasmus exchange programme has been the most enjoyable experience of my life. I have developed my social, cultural and communicational skills greatly and have made many, many friends from all corners of the world. Geert, my lecturer was a wealth of knowledge in clinical ultrasound and he has been a great help and friend during my stay. The course was very informative and enjoyable. Despite some of the problems I had on placement I learned a lot about clinical ultrasound. The language barrier was only a problem in the hospital, the Dutch people are very accommodating and willing to speak English. I also enjoyed a action packed social programme with all my many friends from Zandvoort and Inholland. Unfortunately the administration of finance and accommodation was very poor and requires great development to become acceptable for any students who should come to Holland next year. Three months is a short time. I truly believe my next 3 months would be even as I am now settled in and know my fellow students very well, but I know this would be impossible. I will miss Holland a lot and will look back at my Erasmus exchange in the future with many great memories. Thank you Erasmus for making such an exchange possible (Belfast).

**Eindhoven:**

- I have really enjoyed my 3 months in Erasmus. Eindhoven is a great city to go on Erasmus as there are many students here. The exchange topic MRI was very interesting but was also quite difficult. The facilities were great and I really enjoyed my clinical placement. I feel I have gained so much from this exchange. I really enjoyed living in a different country and have learned a lot about the different cultures. I also learned a lot about MRI. I feel I have a good grasp of the basics. Some of the topics were very complicated. My overall impression of the Erasmus experience was that it was an excellent opportunity to get and has proved to be so educational in many ways (Dublin)
- The Netherlands is a great country. The people here are very friendly and helpful. I learned the basics in MRI and found the course in general very interesting. Eindhoven is a great student city (Dublin)
- I have had a great experience!. We have been surrounded by very helpful people both on school and private persons. There were hard work with the MRI and I am glad I had some theory before I came. (Too many assignments). It would have been nice to stay in Eindhoven during the entire exchange and not be in placement in Nijmegen, because it is nice to have the other students around you. Would have been nice to be in the same class at the Dutch students. Overall a very good stay, meeting new people and cultures. I am going to be sad to leave the Netherlands (Bergen).
- I really enjoyed the Erasmus programme. The Dutch were always very friendly and helpful and this helped us to settle in to living in another country. The academic aspect of the programme was difficult at times. Five weeks of clinical placement was quite long – it may be helpful to have another week of lectures after clinical experience to confound what was learnt in the hospital setting (Dublin)
- I really enjoyed my time here in Eindhoven and in the Netherlands in general. I am really satisfied with pretty much all arrangements here and I would recommend Fontys as good exchange destination (Turku).
- I have really enjoyed my Erasmus exchange and would highly recommend it to upcoming students. Both academically and culturally I have gained a great deal of knowledge and have grown personally as a result. I have had the opportunity to travel and have visited many different places, especially around the Netherlands. In addition I have learned some basic Dutch and had the opportunity to use my language skills in different situations. Meeting other people, of Dutch and other nationalities in my accommodation, class and during my travels and free time was one of the highlights of the exchange. Learning about different cultures and discussing my own has given me a deeper understanding and appreciation of foreign and Irish culture. The new friends I have made are one of the best aspects of the exchange. In conclusion I feel that Erasmus is a truly enriching experience, leaving me a better, more knowledgeable and independent person. I have had the time of my life! (Dublin)

**Bergen (Gjovik):**

- My overall impression is that the good points take a huge advantage to the bad ones. Even with all trouble to get to the final destination, the higher prices and the few hours of sleep I can tell for sure that this experience is the most important, the most remembered and the most learning experience I ever had from a professional, personal and cultural view. Words can not explain what I feel and how thankful I am to you, to allow me to live these three wonderful months. Thanks for helping people make their dreams come true (Coimbra)
- This was an unforgettable experience, not only professional but also personal. I had the chance to know other cultures, other people and other equipment to study and work. All the commentaries that I left behind must be taken as a way to improve what per times was not so well, but I think the overall impression was extremely, extremely, extremely positive. Even though I am happy that it was that way, because it demanded a huge economical and personal effort. As you know Norway is one of the countries with highest living standards in the world, although I was only funded 625 Euro. Thus and hoping that this kind of things get to be reviewed I only want to leave a strong thank you to all the people who helped me during this period, professors, radiographers, students and to all other people who, for this and for that, had helped me (Coimbra)
- Time has been gone too fast. I have learnt so much. I liked problem based learning and group meetings. My practise went also really well. I have learnt also some Norwegian and got lots of new friends. Everything is thus fine. This has been the best period of my life! (Turku)

**Bergen:**

- I have had a really good time here in Norway. I am glad that I went to Bergen. The study program is well connected to our study in the Netherlands. The practice in the hospital was very interesting. It is good to see how they work in a different country. The accommodation is very good (studentshjem Haukelandsbakken) It is very nice to live with students from different countries on one floor. The social program is not very well organised. Most of the things you have to find out by yourself. But there is enough to do in Bergen. There are a lot of Erasmus students in Bergen as well. We have had a lot of fun together (Haarlem)
- I enjoyed my stay in Bergen. I like the country and the city. In the beginning I had to get used a lot to another culture and country. THE SCHOOL WAS ok. We already had the theory, so that was familiar. Practice was very good arranged. My both practices were very nice and I learned a lot. There was one thing what I did not like and that is the fact that there was no social program. We only had one trip in 3 months. I think that is way too less. The accommodation was very good. I had a nice room with a possibility for TV and internet for free. I did a lot of things together with the other exchange students and we had a lot of fun and saw more of the country. I had a great time, I learned about my education but also about myself and Norway. Haarlem 2x
- Erasmus was a very worthwhile experience. The host institution was well organised and the cultural trips were very good and interesting. The Norwegian lessons were but might have been more relevant if more related to practical situations. All university staff and hospital staff were very helpful and approachable Belfast
- I found this experience of Erasmus very worthwhile. The most important thing is my confidence in my ability as a radiographer. Being in a foreign country and not having the language to communicate fully, this meant I had to depend on myself and my training. I don't think I would have gained as much as I had stayed at home! I found the staff of the university and hospitals very welcoming and helpful. I really enjoyed my stay in this city outside the university program Coimbra

**Dublin:**

- Due to there being no language barrier I was able to integrate myself fairly quickly and had no problem with understanding college work and clinical placements. I enjoyed my time on clinical placement and found it gave me more confidence in my technique and approach to radiography. The teaching staff were very accommodating and helped wherever they could to help me for all objectives and assignments brought over from England.

**Turku:**

- I was quite unsure whether or not to participate in the Erasmus programme however after three months I feel I completely made the right decision as I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience. My main concern was with regard to gaining experience while on placement however I feel we spent quite a lot of time in the hospital and I therefore gained practical experience. The language barrier was difficult as I felt I could not interact with the patients however I had expected this. But I feel the staff in the department tried their best to explain things in English and encouraged patients to speak English with me. The opportunity to travel was excellent and I have memories that will stay with me forever. The staff in the polytechnic were extremely helpful and took every opportunity to make our stay enjoyable. Their guidance and support was excellent. Also our tutors were a great help and support. I hope our friendship will continue. As a result of Erasmus I feel my confidence has improved. I thoroughly enjoyed living in Finland and experiencing their culture. Lapland was an excellent holiday and I encourage every student to visit. I would like to thank Helena and the other staff for giving me this opportunity (Belfast)
- Overall I have really enjoyed this Erasmus exchange trip. I have learned a lot and not just the obvious radiography technique and theory. The trip has given me confidence through general day to day living in a foreign environment. I have improved my communication skills as I could not depend wholly on my language skills. The trip was very educational and I believe the Erasmus exchange program to be an excellent opportunity for any student. I found all lecturers and tutors extremely helpful and overall I feel I have learned a lot from this experience (Belfast)
- Had a great time, thoroughly enjoyed the programme, lectures and hospital placement, very educational. Tutors and lecturers were extremely helpful – would assist you in any way possible. I feel I have progressed in my ability to carry out a correct radiographic examination, my confidence has increased. The only problem I had was the language barrier between

myself and the patient, but this was sometimes rectified by the radiographer translating what I had to say. I would definitely recommend Finland to my fellow students (Belfast)

- Those three months were the best. I have seen many things and have done so many things. I have learned a lot about Finnish culture and the language. Also my English has been improving. In the hospital I learned difficult ways of making x-rays and I learned a lot about myself too. I really had a great time here! (Haarlem)
- I have had a great time in Finland. I chose for Finland because of the cold, the snow and the program. I really enjoyed the Finnish culture. I even learned some Finnish although it was hard. The clinical placements were very nice, but there were not so much children as I expected. I really improved my English here and I learned more things about paediatric radiology. I really appreciate what everybody had done for me here. I will never forget Finland and will definitely come back in the summer (Haarlem)

**Malta:**

- I liked Malta very much. The Maltese language is very difficult, but it was nice to learn a bit of Maltese so you can understand some things people talk about. The classes at university were very interesting because we learned things that we weren't taught in Holland. The hospital was really old and the equipment as well, but that was interesting. We had the chance to see how things used to be in Holland before everything became digital (Haarlem)
- I enjoyed being in this exchange. It was a real nice experience and I wish I could stay here for a longer time. Before I went to Malta I hoped to improve my English. Since we have been talking English all the time and even had a lot of English spoken lectures I think I passed that. I liked the pharmacology lectures and I am happy to know a few words and sentences in Maltese. It was a nice experience to see the equipment in St. Luke's hospital and the way the radiographers worked with it. All the equipment is old, but it is nice to see it anyway and to compare it to what I am used to work with in Holland. Overall it was a great experience! (Eindhoven)
- Overall I did like the Erasmus exchange very much. It was a nice experience to learn more about the country and to improve my English. It was also nice to learn some Maltese. I could compare the hospital over here with the hospitals at home and I found out that it was very old, but it was a nice experience to have my clinical placement over here. And during the lessons at school I also learned more about contrast media. The accommodation where we lived was nice, but it is expensive and in the evening it was very cold in the apartment. We also had the chance to see something of the country, that was very nice (Haarlem)
- I have had a great time in Malta. I really enjoyed the three months here! I think it was a great experience to meet people from different countries and I have learned a lot from using English. The pharmacology lectures were good and we learned a lot of it. I liked the Maltese language lectures. Thanks for everything and I am glad that I came to Malta (Eindhoven)
- I really had a great time here in Malta. I think it was a great experience to meet people from different countries. I learned a lot from talking English. The placement was good also. It was good to see how they work in another country, although the equipment was pretty old. I enjoyed the pharmacology lectures and learned a lot from it. I hope and think I passed the test. Thanks for everything I have had a great time! (Eindhoven)
- I really enjoyed myself in Malta. The lecturers we had were very nice and helpful and the radiographers were lovely to work with. It was also a very good experience to meet the other groups from the different countries. I was a really good opportunity to study abroad and I would definitely recommend studying here in Malta to the Irish students back home. I was told by the previous students of Malta to come here as they all had an excellent time and I am glad I listened to them (Dublin)
- I really enjoyed the Erasmus exchange and I can't believe it is almost over! I think that it was really good to have had the chance to study in another country and also to work in a hospital setting which is different to which I am used to. I firmly believe that anyone who is given the opportunity to take part in an Erasmus exchange definitely should. For me it definitely was the chance of a lifetime and if I could do it all over again, I would. I think that the most significant thing that I gained from the Erasmus experience is lots of new friends from other countries that I will hopefully visit in the next few years (Dublin)
- I met a lot of people from the other countries, made new friends. The accommodation location was very good, safe and cheap to get home from. All the lecturers, radiographers were very friendly and helpful at all times. Weather was beautiful (in March at least). First few weeks lots of spare time. Overall really enjoyed Malta. Thanks! (Dublin)



- Meeting new people from another country was funny. Saw how the hospital is in another country. I would never do this again (Bergen)
- I have gained the knowledge that Norway has a good health care system (Bergen)
- There were changes in timetable and that I did not like. Timetables should have been planned well before giving them to us. Classroom numbers were sometimes given too late. Accommodation price was higher than if we had booked it ourselves. University took 60 liiras from accommodation and that was per person. It is too much. I was not happy about that. Otherwise we would have paid 340 liira's. We should have been informed before coming here that IHC (institute of health care) is not in university. And which bus numbers go to university and which to IHC. Teaching was good and it was very nice to see different places in class trips. Malta is a nice country to study. I am pleased to have come here for the Erasmus exchange (Bergen)
- Apart from the fact that we did not get information where to meet the first day everything seemed to be well organised. ( this impression changed during the stay since almost all timetables were changed and it seemed if nobody knew we would come to clinical placement. I was very cold in the apartment and we were not allowed to get a heater. Not popular!! The lectures were OK. Clinical placement would be better if the working people would explain more and more friendly. I did not regret that I came, but there should be improvements regarding to information before we arrive and the hospital should be more aware that we have clinical placement. We were promised to have two radiographers responsible for us during clinical placement, we never saw them.... Overall, except these things, I had a good stay! We had many social times together with the other students, but this is what we did ourselves. I will always remember Malta (Bergen).
- I would have liked to have our lecture times beforehand, it was not very good arranged, because we had changes in timetables. Otherwise everything was great in school. Our accommodation was quite poor. It was really cold the whole time and the gas hob and oven were awful. It was hard to try to make something to eat. We could not get any extra heating either. The price of the accommodation was too high when you think of that level of living, but I got used to it and survived. Malta is such a little country in the middle of the sea, that sometimes I felt I needed to go somewhere, but there was no place where to go. It was really nice to be here three months, but I could not live here. There were too little social activities, so I also got bored in our cold apartment. On weekends we had a lot of things to do that made me feel better. Overall impression was great. I like this place and also school was OK. Maybe we had a little bit too much assignments at the same time. Now when sun is shining and school stuff is over, I feel I could be here longer I have seen almost the whole island. Our cultural lectures and visits were really nice. From there we got ideas what to do on weekends. Thank you! This Erasmus experience was unique! (Bergen)

**Belfast:**

- My overall impression is very good. I've had a really good time. I have got to know other students from all over the world, improved my English and experience how it is to live in another country for a longer period. I have also seen different departments in hospitals during my clinical placement period. Too bad that it was only the two of us on the program here in Belfast, so we did not have many lectures and did not get to know other Erasmus students in radiography. If we had been part of a group of other radiography students I think our knowledge of the subject would increase. But all over I have had an amazing experience and I don't regret participating in the program.
- My overall impression is very good! We had a great start when Irene McIntyre picked us up at the airport. She made that we got settled in our accommodation. The placement was good. We spent time at 3 different hospitals and we saw a lot of different equipment and procedures. Even though there were no social activities arranged we met a lot of other international students so we arranged activities with them. It was great to live at campus with so many other students.

**Coimbra:**

- The classes were nice, but some not so clear. CT physics very bad. Clinical placements were nice, but we already know a lot of CT. I liked the city and the country (Haarlem)
- It was nice staying in Coimbra. Only there could be more organised for us to do, like an excursion or other things to do (Haarlem)
- Overall I think that this was a very worthwhile exchange as not only did I learn a lot about CT, but also a lot of Portuguese language and culture. This was very enjoyable and useful for me. All staff and people associated with the exchange were helpful and approachable and I had no mayor problems. Sharing a house with the other Erasmus students was also very educational and helped us feel at ease in classes and at clinical placements with them. The Portuguese students were also very helpful and friendly (Dublin).
- I thoroughly enjoyed my Erasmus experience in Coimbra. The lectures were easy to understand (some slightly boring as 4 hours for one lecture is too much!!) There was not much home work which was enjoyable. Clinical placement was very educational and I learned a lot, although more classes on CT would be helpful – emphasis was put on other unnecessary areas. I got on very well with the other Erasmus students and will keep in contact with them. More contact with Portuguese radiography students would have been nice. The locals were all very friendly and this experience would definitely encourage me to visit again. Thank you! (Dublin).

**Athens:**

- I really liked my stay in Athens. I did and learned a lot the first weeks at school and later in the hospital. Everything was taken care of, even the trip from the airport to our apartment. The people at school and in the hospital were very nice. I had much fun and met a lot of new people. In the weekends we had enough time to see different places in Greece. The country is very beautiful. We had no problems, everything worked out OK. The three months flew by (Eindhoven)
- My stay here in Athens was a really great experience! We learned a lot of new things. The first weeks we went to school, there we saw the Greek way of lessons. The last 8 weeks we worked in a hospital. That was really great. We saw a lot of new things and the people were so nice. It is so nice to see a different way of living. Greece is a beautiful country! (Eindhoven)
- I have enjoyed my staying in Greece. Everybody was very nice, the teacher, the guiding students and the guiding colleagues. We have had the opportunity to visit many things in Greece for example musea, archeological places and beautiful cities. The living accommodation was well arranged. It was near the center. The lessons at school were good. Nice climate during the lessons. Because the teachers were very nice. During the clinical placements in the hospital everybody was really nice and polite. It was relaxed and the people in the hospital let us do everything we wanted (Haarlem)
- I have enjoyed my clinical placement. The organisation was very good. I knew every time where I needed to go. In the hospital everybody was very polite, helpful and very kind. I learned a lot living three months in a foreign country. It is very good to see the differences in the working methods. Our teacher was very nice and arranged little trips for us (Haarlem)
- Overall I really enjoyed the Erasmus experience. At first I was unsure if I wanted to go, but it was one of the best decisions I ever made. Mr. Panou was an excellent clinical coordinator. He organised several weekends and day trips away in his own spare time. He was extremely helpful and he has an excellent relationship with his Greek students. I really enjoyed the clinical placement in the two hospitals. Both supervisors were very helpful and showed us lots of little tricks that improved our technique. The only bad aspect of the hospital was the lack of radiation protection for patients available in either hospital. One other aspect was the lack of privacy of female patients presenting for chest x-rays. They were left topless and not given any gown or shirt for privacy. Overall I felt the level of patient care was not as high as in Ireland. I also felt that the hospital system was more efficient than in Ireland. I really enjoyed living in Greece, a country that is on the other end of Europe. It was nice to get an insight into the culture and social life. I found the language barrier a problem, especially when in the hospital. The changing of semesters meant that we had very few Greek lessons and this could not be helped. Three months was way too short and I would recommend changing it to at least 6 months! (Dublin)
- Looking back, Athens for sure was one of the best decisions I made in a long time. The overall Erasmus experience was an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience for me. The Erasmus coordinator and some of the Greek radiography students could not have done more to help and make us feel at home. They were tireless in organising trips, excursions, finding

accommodation, acting as tour guides. The clinical placement in a Greek hospital was an eye-opener, not because of the normal insight of taking x-rays etc. but rather as doorway into another health system. The placement in two hospitals was advantageous to show the range of health care provided in Greece. The differences in patient care were especially noticeable. The use of radiation protection and collimation was interesting. Erasmus was an amazing opportunity to meet so many new and interesting people from so many countries, especially the countries surrounding Greece. A most rewarding part of Erasmus was learning new and interesting facets of another country, ancient and recent history, culture and language. Athens was a fascinating place as it was a key to an ancient civilisation which remodelled itself into a newer, modern, more contemporary capitol. Learning about the different style of fashion and music were vital lessons. The experience I had was invaluable and will never leave me. I have no regrets about choosing Greece or choosing to go on Erasmus, especially when considering the intense nature of the radiography course back home in Ireland (Dublin)

**Porto:**

- During the exchange we have learned a lot about the language culture, social life and of course about women's health. It was very interesting to do our practise at 3 different kinds of hospitals so we have seen a lot. It was also nice to do practise at 3 different area's. It was not boring. The people are very nice to us and they all want to help us and explained about everything that we want to know.  
We have seen a lot of differences between Portugal and our country; difference of student's life – they only have classes with a professor – difference of the country it is a more poor country in comparison with Holland, difference of social life (it is much more cheaper, so we liked it very much), difference. Despite these differences it was great to be here and we have had a nice time in Portugal. (Haarlem)
- This exchange was very nice. We learned a lot about women's health, the Portuguese culture and the student life. It was nice to work in other hospitals than in Holland. It was interesting to see in what way the Portuguese students are studying. They don't have the problem based learning, like in Holland. It was a good experience to live in another country!