



Quality and Evaluation Survey

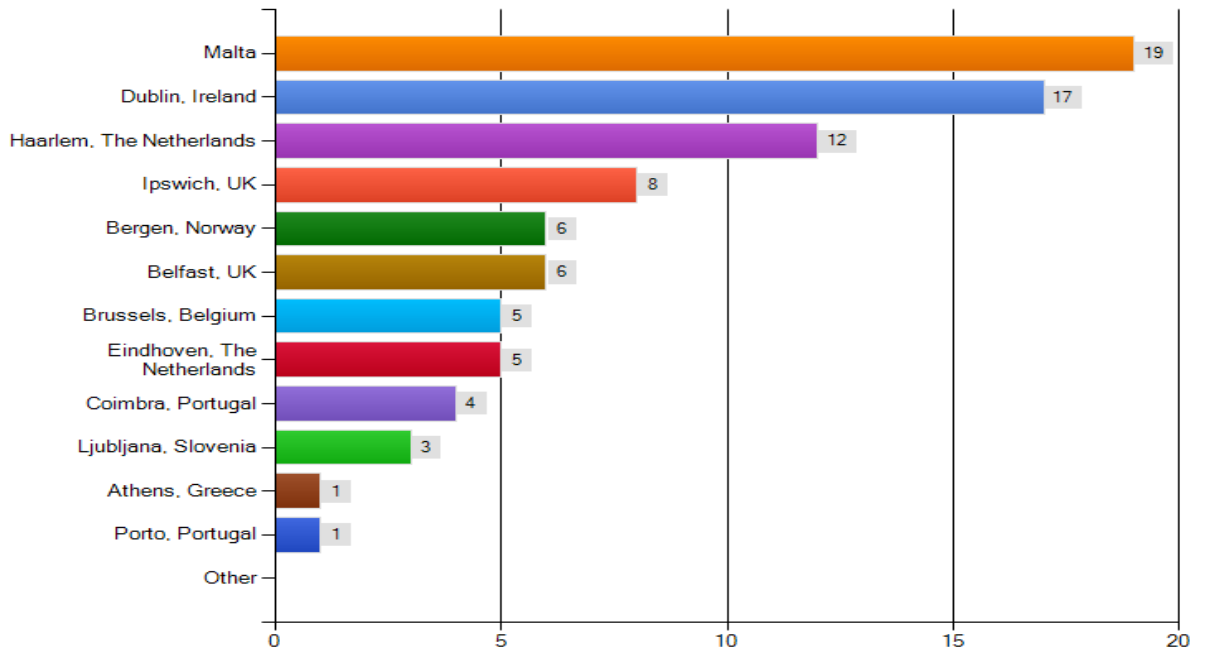
2010 Exchange

(87 valid student responses)

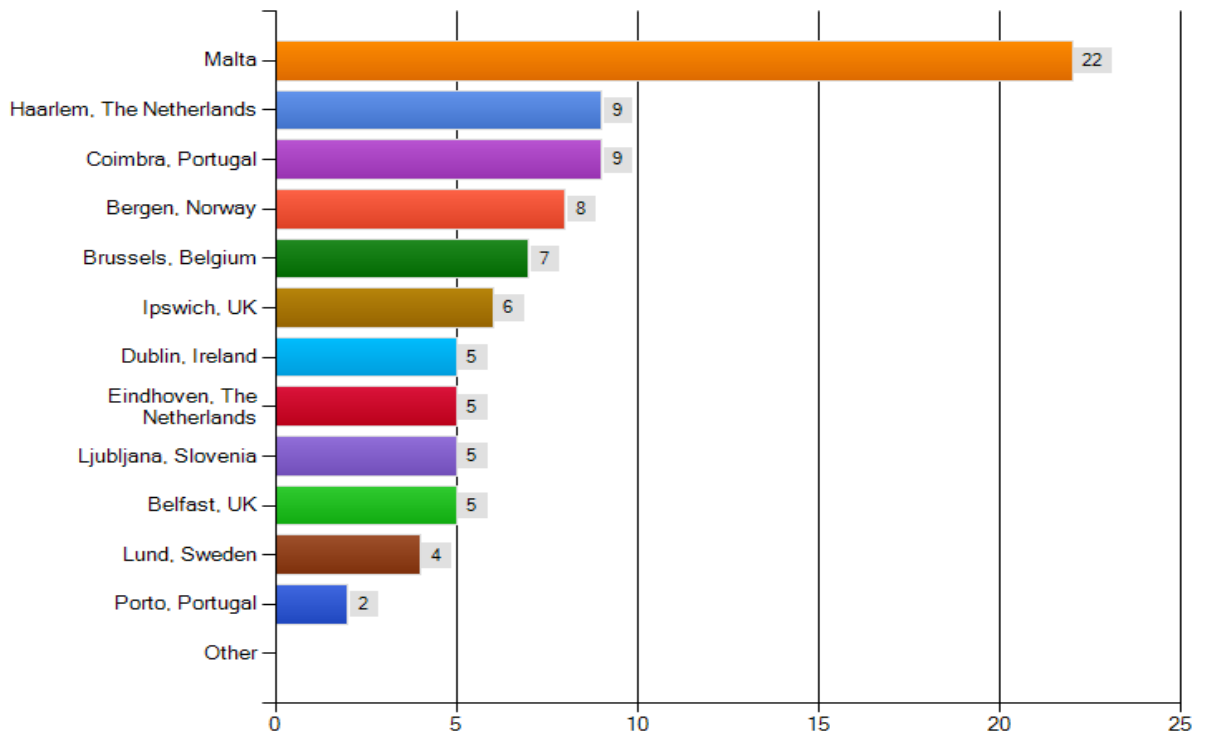
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From:																						
Haarlem				4				1		5	3							1				14
Eindhoven							2													2		4
Bergen			2					2									2					6
Ipswich	3	1		2				3		3	1											13
Dublin			3	3						4	2				3					2	2	19
Turku																						
Malta	5					3					2	5						2	2			19
Coimbra										3										1		4
Belfast	3	3						2		4										2		14
Budejovice																						
Athens		3																				3
Porto RD																						
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Lund																						0
Brussels								1		2										1		4
Ljubljana	1					2					2											5
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Home Institution:



Host Institution:



1. Information received in advance on:

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Below average	Poor	Response Count
Host institution	27.7% (23)	50.6% (42)	18.1% (15)	3.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	83
Living accomodation	15.9% (13)	43.9% (36)	23.2% (19)	11.0% (9)	6.1% (5)	82
Travel arrangements	25.6% (21)	47.6% (39)	23.2% (19)	3.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	82
Cost of living	14.6% (12)	37.8% (31)	30.5% (25)	13.4% (11)	3.7% (3)	82
Host country	38.6% (32)	48.2% (40)	10.8% (9)	2.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	83

Host Institution													
Rating	AT	Bel	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LJU	MA	HA	LU	PO
Excellent		4	3				1	2	2	7	4		
Good			4	2	7	3	4	2	2	12	4	2	
Satisfactory		1	1	2	1	2		2		2	1	1	2
Below average				2								1	
Living Accommodation													
Rating	AT	Bel	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LJU	MA	HA	LU	PO
Excellent		4	1	1	1	1			1	3		1	
Good		1	4	3	5	1		4	1	12	2	2	1
Satisfactory			2	1	1	1	1	2	1	6	3		1
Below average			1	1		1	2		1		2	1	
Poor					1		2				2		
Travel Arrangements													
Rating	AT	Bel	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LJU	MA	HA	LU	PO
Excellent		3	4	3	3				2	5	1		
Good		2	4	2	3	2	1	3	1	12	6	2	1
Satisfactory				1	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	1	1
Below average							1			1		1	
Cost of living													
Rating	AT	Bel	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LJU	MA	HA	LU	PO
Excellent		1			5			2	2	1			1
Good		2	1	3	2	1	3		2	15	1		1
Satisfactory		2	3	3	1	2		1		5	4	4	
Below average			3			1	1	3			3		
Poor			1				1				1		
Host Country													
Rating	AT	Bel	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LJU	MA	HA	LU	PO
Excellent		4	1	2	3		2	2	2	9	3	2	2
Good		1	6	2	5	3	3	3	1	9	5	2	
Satisfactory			1	2		2		1		2	1		
Below average									1	1			

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- great experience!!!!

Bergen comments:

- In Norway and specially in Bergen I really needed a credit card. They haven't told us that so maybe it is good to know for the next students that they have to bring a credit card with them.
- A really beautiful place to study
- The living accommodation was in the beginning very clean but from february it turns out very dirty en noisy
- Rooms were very small but clean and comfortable. Good internet access always. Lots of storage. Can get bed coverings from hospital or school if you dont want to bring them. Picked up from the airport by a student and taken to get groceries- very helpful. Students very welcoming and friendly. Cost of living was very high and did not go out to eat much or go out out at night, clothes and evrything very expensive
- The cost of living in Norway is high and this is a constant concern on a student budget. The country is extremely beautiful and the people friendly, however so this seems like a price worth paying.

Brussels comments:

- Further information about Belgium obtained from internet and travel guides bought from Malta.
- Accommodation- think beforehand to find availability at a cheap price (300 euro/month)
- Belgian website needs improvement.
- The area where we were arranged to stay during our placement is very well known in Brussels to be a dangerous and risky place to live. Although we had no major problems and the accommodation was satisfactory, it was a stressful place to live.

Coimbra comments:

- In 2 months I had about 2300 € of expenses with travelling around Portugal and other things. School provided me with accommodation for 125 € per month and i had student's restaurant nearby that sells lunch and dinner for 2.15 € so beside other expenses I didn't had to worry a lot about eating or sleeping.
- Professor Adelino collected us at an arranged time at the train and brought us to our accommodation. However, we had no prior information about our living arrangements and were not expecting to be living with a family.
- more information for Erasmus students network, because we didn't know that this exist.
- living in the students house is good because you met a lot of host students, connect new friendships, but sometimes it is very laud when you want to sleep.
- we can eat in cantina, there prepare a good, healthy food (it is not a fast food) and is cheap.

Dublin comments:

- I didn't need any information as I was staying with family

Eindhoven comments:

- Accommodation was quite poor, but the main issue was contacting landlords when a problem arose, which was very difficult
- Living accommodation wasn't provided until we arrived in Eindhoven. No information was given in advance.
- The accommodation was really poor. First of all the accommodation was filthy when we came there the first day. The kitchen looked horrible and smelled like death and decay, so did the fridge. My room was NOT cleaned out of when I came there, still we have to pay 50 Euros when we check out from the accommodation. Where did the 50 Euros from the former student who lived there go? I think they are putting the money right in their pockets!

Anyways, all kitchen equipment are old and need to be replaced. There are mice everywhere. The landlord just blamed the student for being dirty, and did not care about the problem. During our stay we complained about mice several times, all the landlord could do was to put out mice poison which did not have any effect. We asked about proper micetraps, but the landlord did not do anything about this request. If I get sick from this I will send the landlord the doctors bill! All in all I'm really disappointed regarding the accommodations, and for me it seems that all the landlord cares about is the money involved.

- The accommodation agency was irresponsible. When we first arrived, two of us was picked up in a van with only one passenger seat, the person who met us had "not been informed" that we were two students. The accommodation itself was of poor quality, the room was tiny, in the attic of an old house with very steep stairs. The condition of the kitchen was insanitary to say the least. There also was a note saying that there were mice in the house. I felt almost forced to sign the rental agreement after much discussion of the alternatives, we were also promised that measures would be taken regarding the mentioned problems, but were later met with generally poor service. The prices were also unreasonably high, also compared with local standards.

Ipswich comments: none

Ljubljana comments:

- We were informed about arrangements for our accommodation in December. In my opinion, this was too late. I would like to have known sooner whether or not it was necessary to search for accommodation myself.

Malta comments:

- Accommodation is a bit old but very big and fine, except for the cockroaches.
- Very appealing for an Erasmus exchange
- The information we received was good, but our first day was messy because we did not know where to go etc, so I think more detailed instructions would have been useful!
- Everything was really good. Everything was already arranged for us. The only thing we had to do, was to book our flights.
- We were picked up at the airport by a taxi arranged by Jonathan and Paul this was a great help. We received a good information pack prior to arrival and plenty of contact was made prior to arrival.
- we were given an introduction pack of the host country with all the necessary information about our stay. a taxi was organised to pick us up from the taxi.

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments:

- I was not given enough information before coming to Lund. I tried extremely hard searching from the internet about some practical items but I wanted to know a lot more than I learned.
- expensive country but wonderful atmosphere to live in. good organisation in everything.

Porto comments:

- we got the wrong information about our practice.

2. TRAVEL FROM HOME TO HOST COUNTRY

Comfort of travel													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Excellent		2	3	3	2	1			1	3	1	1	
Good		3	5	2	4	3	3	4	3	16	5	2	2
Satisfactory				1	2	1	2	2		2	3	1	
Below average													
Poor													
Did you have problems finding accommodation?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes				2			1		1		1	1	
No		5	8	4	8	5	4	6	3	21	8	3	2

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- it was good that the co ordinator came for us at the airport and showed us where things where .

Bergen comments:

- It was really nice to be picked up from the airport!
- Direct transport from the UK to Bergen is difficult to find. Travel by sea is no longer an option and low-cost air travel may require long stop-overs in Olso, Copenhagen or other European centres.
- A Norwegian student picked me up from the airport, took me to a cash machine and to get groceries. Then took me straight to the accommodation- very very helpful and a lovely welcome.
- We were picked up from the airport by the Erasmus Coordinator and she brought us to our accomodation

Brussels comments:

- The corrdinator of the host organisation provided the required information during my stay and personal help.
- I did had problems in finding accomodation; but the host institution provided me a very good place to live, and cheap, good quality, i am completely satisfied with accomodation that was provided.
- The person in charge of us in Brussels picked us up at the main station in Brussels and took us to our accomodation. I found this to be very helpful and kind.
- Not enough information provided on accommodation. Did not know what to expect, and did not know what I would be paying for. Would be better if pictures were provided.

Coimbra comments:

- TAP lost our baggage for 3 days and it was relay hard at first 3 days because of that otherwise it's nice country to travel to. Teacher drive us to our accommodation first day.
- As already mentioned we were brought to our accomodation by car.
- I found it very helpful that I was collected at the train station and did not have to find my own way to my accommodation on the first day
- The travelling time to Coimbra was too long, but I don't regret coming to Coimbra
- Travelling here is very comfortable.
I had a just one problem, that they lost my luggage in the airport and I must waiting for her about 3 days.
- I have no problems to find the accomodation, but the taxidriviers have problems to find it.

Dublin comments:

- It was very nice that my host country arranged accomodation for me

Eindhoven comments:

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments: none

Bergen comments:

- No official help was offered in learning Norwegian before the exchange. In Norway we received 10 hours of language instruction before clinical placement which was not sufficient to develop a vocabulary that could be used in clinical placement. It would have been useful to have had language lessons during placement as we did not know what words and phrases were going to be most useful before placement began. HOWEVER, the Norwegians are remarkably good at English and happy to help students learn important phrases to help with essential patient communication, so this was not really a handicap.
- There were not enough lessons to learn the language proper to use it in practice.
- We had no language course provided before we left. We had about 8 lessons when we arrived, very little English was spoken during the lessons so I personally found it hard to pick up much other than through pictures. We also had a lot of other work to do, so learning the language for me was not a priority.
- we did not have a language study in our own country
- Much of the language course did not relate to radiography and therefore was not very helpful on placement. I did not feel comfortable using the language as I felt I could not have sufficient knowledge to have a conversation.

Brussels comments:

- There are linguistic limitations: Dutch, Flemish and French. No other language, the use of English is not understood by all.
- I found that it was very difficult to learn so much. I think it would be better if certain necessary phrases were taught, as a whole language is too much. I think more practice and guidance should be given on how to pronounce these phrases

Coimbra comments:

- We had quite some problems because the book to learn Portuguese language is written only in Portuguese language and no explanation in English so we had quite a lot of problems understanding exercises, and we used Google Translate all the time to understand text.
- I had no prior Portuguese language study in my own country. 3 weeks of Portuguese language were studied in the host country, however I feel it would have been more beneficial to focus on useful everyday phrases for living, general conversation and clinical placement rather than focusing on written exercises and grammar.
- At home we did not have any language study prior to our arrival. Here in Portugal we were given 3 weeks of intensive Portuguese lessons which were very beneficial
- We didn't have any language courses in my country
- I learned some pronunciation in my country about Portuguese and here we got a lot of homework to improve that words and vocabulary.
- Problem in Portugal is that a lot of population don't speak English.
- There was no language course in my country
- There was no language study in my country available

Dublin comments:

- I really like the Irish language course

Eindhoven comments:

- No language classes were provided or sought at home. Here in the Netherlands we were given classes on the basics.
- Did not receive any language study in our own country!
- It was not offered to us in our home institution and we were not informed that some prior language study was required
- I did not attend a course in my home country, the course in Eindhoven was led by students from the linguistic department of the school. They gave us an introduction to Dutch culture as well as basic phrases to communicate with patients and staff in our clinical placements.

Ipswich comments:

- Actually we didn't study any language in the host country. Their language is English which is taught to us in Malta.

Ljubljana comments: none

Malta comments:

- I didn't have a language study in my own country.
- This exchange was really good to improve my English.
- we were given maltese language lessons during our stay in malta, these were very good and helpful.
- we didnt learn any maltese from home institution. maltese language lessons were very helpful and enjoyable.
- We did not have any lessons prior to arriving in Malta on the maltese language. The language course run by the university was very good and was enjoyed by all.
- Northern Ireland is a British speaking country, therefore we only speak English and had no need for language study.

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments:

- some more medical swedish course would be interesting.
- I did not have any Swedisch course at home.

Porto comments:

- I didnt get the language course that was promised
- we did not recieve any language course in either home or host country

4. LIVING ACCOMODATION

The comfort of living accomodation was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Excellent		4	2	2		3			2	3	1		
Good		1	1	1	5			5	2	6	1	1	1
Satisfactory			5	1	2	1	1	1		11	2	3	1
Below average						1	2				3		
Poor				2	1		2			1	2		
The cost of living accomodation was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Very expensive				1		1	1			1	3		
Expensive		4	2	4	2	2		4	1	3	6		
Same as home		1	3	1	2	2	4	2	3	11			
Cheap			2		3					6		1	2
Very cheap			1		1							3	

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- the accomodation was worth every penny !

Bergen comments:

- One of the best deals of the exchange was the student accommodation, which was very good value.
- I thought there were too many rooms in one corridor and too many people in one kitchen. I also missed some kitchenequipment to use, we had to buy it ourselves. The beds were really small. It was all clean though. I think the accomodation is quite expensive for what you get.
- As I said before the room was very small but very clean and comfortable, lots of storage, sink, huge desk, very good internet access. Large kitchen with everything you could need, TV room, share toilets and shower with others on the floor. I think the cost was reasonable as it included all bills, internet etc. As with all shared accom. you have to be take care of your things- I had all my food stolen on one occassion.
- We were given student accomodation which was appreciated as other types of accomodation are quite expensive in comparison.

Brussels comments:

- Other cheaper accomodations 300 euros were already booked by other students. Cheaper accomodations was not of good quality and far away from Brussels (central region)

- It was slightly more expensive than at home.
- The cost of living accommodation was very expensive for the quality. The housing was of very poor standard and not worth the amount I paid.

Coimbra comments:

- Cost of accommodation was 125 € per month plus we had to buy our own food, which we can cook in residence. Or go eat cheaply in kantina.
- As the rent was only €145 per month this is very cheap in relation to what we pay back in Dublin, however in comparison to other erasmus students living in apartments and student accommodation in the centre of Coimbra it was very expensive, despite our accommodation being a 40 minute walk to the town centre.
Myself and my colleague lived with a family in the downstairs of a house, shared a small bedroom and had no study facilities in our living quarters so had to set up a study area in the family garage as no desks were provided in our room due to its size. This garage also contained a tiny makeshift kitchen for 4 of us to cook and eat. No TV, sofas or general living area were provided in our living quarters so when not studying in the garage, the majority of our time in the house was spent sitting on our beds. Despite all of this the house itself was very nice and we had access to a swimming pool, clothes washing facilities and broadband.
- The living accommodation was cheap in comparison to at home, however in Portuguese terms I think it was expensive for what we had as we were living with a family and did not have any living space apart from our bedroom that was just ours. For future reference I would recommend that students live in an apartment and not with a family.

Dublin comments:

- I stayed with family I didn't need any accommodation from the university

Eindhoven comments:

- The rooms are very small with very thin walls. One can hear the neighbour when she/he moves around. The accommodations were right next to the train rails, resulting in very high noises through the whole day and night. The cost of the accommodation did not match what I would expect from living standard! I don't like to have mice as my closest neighbour!
- Standard of living was below average, but I suppose it was to be expected in student accommodation. The cost of living was more than it should have been in the area.
- As mentioned before, the accommodation was the only thing that was a bit problematic. The rental agency seemed to be profiting off the international students of Eindhoven, not taking their obvious problems seriously. Compared with the quality of the accommodation, the prices were very expensive.
- Though the cost of living was marginally cheaper it was clear that the accommodation we were in was more expensive than is usual for Eindhoven. The accommodation itself was serviceable but the agency with whom we were dealing was exceedingly poor.

Ipswich comments: none

Ljubljana comments:

- We lived in a dormitory with a lot of erasmus students. The cost for this accommodation was around 75 euro's a month.
- dorms were very noisy

Malta comments:

- comfort was fine except for the cockroaches.
- Garden view, a little expensive, and additional charges are too much. But living with other ERASMUS students in such close proximity was fantastic, have made lots of friends.
- Accommodation was cheaper than at home. It was great living beside everyone, but I think that Garden View in general is below average in some regards. I am aware that it is a holiday complex, but it is very different when you're living there and the cleaning staff come in early in the morning and you have to leave your apartment for an hour and a half. There is also frequent construction work being done around the complex, sometimes starting before 7 in the morning. Washing machines are extremely overpriced.
- the living accommodation in garden view was good, you had everything what you needed. loved the pool when the weather was good. using washing machines there are a bit expensive and you have to pay as well for internet minutes

- The accomodation was really good. We even had a pool and a tv room. At home we would pay much more for the same thing.
- the comfort was satisfactory at graden view but its location was great, just up the road from the main nightclub spot. All the erasmus students are leaving next door to each other and its a very sociable place to stay. there is a well stocked convenience store a couple of doors down.
- the living accomodation was not the best, however it was very close to the shops, nightlife and university, and we were all together. we couldnt have asked for better really.
- Garden View is certainly basic accommodation however everyone is together and we had the chance to meet international students from all different courses. If we hadn't have stayed in Garden View we would certainly not have had as good experience in Malta. Everyone is next to each other and just a knock away to organise social activities.
- Accomodation was awful, would not recommend it to anyone.

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments:

- Good private accommodation
- delphi is really good to live.

Porto comments:

- I lived in a good neighborhood, the only problem was the dogs that was barking so much, both night and day. This was close to Estadio Do Dragao.

5. DOMESTIC TRAVEL

The comfort of travel to and from the School was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Excellent		4	8	3	4	2	1	1	3		2	1	
Good				2	4	3	4	5	1	11	5	2	1
Satisfactory		1		1						7	2	1	1
Below average										2			
Poor													
The cost of travel to and from the school was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Very expensive											4		
Expensive		1		1	1	4		2	1	1	5		
Same as home			1	1	2	1		4	2				
Cheap		1	1		4		2		1	7			2
Very cheap		3	6	4	1		3			12		4	
The comfort of travel to and from the hospital was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Excellent			7	3	1	1	2		2		2	1	
Good				1	3	2	1	5	2	12	4	2	2
Satisfactory		4	1	2	4		2	1		6	2	1	
Below average		1				2				2	1		
Poor													
The cost of travel to and from the hospital was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Very expensive		2					1				7		
Expensive		3	2	1	2	4		5	3	1	2		
Same as home			1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Cheap			1	1	4		1			7			2
Very cheap			4	3	1		2			12		4	

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- We had to take the train, and sometimes also walk aswell

Bergen comments:

- The Haukelandsbakken Studenthjem has two blocks, one of which is actually joined with the Høgskolen i Bergen healthcare building. It was possible to walk to lessons with a cup of tea. The Haukeland Sykehus is located 5 minutes' walk down the hill from the student hostel. The cost of travel was therefore zero at least for students placed in the largest hospital, and only uncomfortable if raining heavily.
- We lived next to the school, so that was not a problem. My placement was in town, and I had to buy a buscard to travel. I also had to walk a while, so it took me quite a while to get there, and that makes your workdays much longer.
- The school is pretty much adjoined to the accommodation, so is literally a one minute walk away, no need to go outside to get there and no cost involved. The hospital was about a 5-10 min walk away, so again very convenient and no cost to get there. Some students had placement sites a little further away though.
- It was only a walk trip
- Bus fares are expensive

Brussels comments:

- Travelled mostly by metro and by bus (10 journeys for 12 euros per week). Most of the time walked.
- All were within walking distance of my accomodation.

Coimbra comments:

- Depends where we were stationed for hospital work but to Figeira de Foz we had to pay 4 € each day we had practice for return train ticket.
- We were 15 minutes walk from the school which was very convenient for the first 3 weeks of classes, however 40 minutes from the town centre. When buses were running this was very convenient, however after 7pm and weekends the bus service was very unreliable and we had to travel by taxi. As clinical placement was in four different locations it took different travel times to get there. Location 1 - 15minute walk, Location 2 - 20 minutes travelling time but with buses we allocated 60minutes, Location 3 - 75 minutes that required 2 buses and location 4 - 50minute walk to train station and 60minutes on the train with a 10 minute walk to the location. It would be very convenient to have lived in the town centre for all clinical placement locations.
- We paid a monthly bus ticket and the cost of the buses was worthed, otherwise it would be to expensive
- They have very frequent bus connection, every 15min but when we went to the hospital we spent sometimes 1h for one way.
- Not every clinic/hospital was close to our accommodation
- Two of the four hospitals where not close to the accomodation, and i get very tired to traivel for (more) than a hour.

Dublin comments: none

Eindhoven comments:

- The traveled from Eindhoven to Venlo everyday through my clinical placement, resulting in very high cost and time.
- Travel to and from the hospitals were paid for by the college. I walked to college so there were no costs involved.
- All travelling cost to and from the hospital was covered by the school. I had to take a train for 15 minutes. In addition I bought a monthly buspass for 27 € which compared to Norwegian standards is almost free.
- I was within a 15 minute walk of both and so had no travel expenses

Ipswich comments:

- Travel to and from school was expensive but the school wasn't very far from the accommodation so we managed to travel on foot.

Ljubljana comments: none

Malta comments:

- Walk was difficult and dangerous. Buses were not regular and uncomfortable
- Buses are very cheap. Walk to college is very dangerous at times!

- you could walk to the hospital/university in about 20 minutes, taking the bus is also a good option, its only 47 cents
- from garden view accommodation there was the option of either walking down a steep valley to the university and hospital which sit next to each other. some students enjoyed this walk but personally found that the road was quite dangerous as there is barely any paths and the drivers are crazy!! the bus is so cheap and you get the same bus to both the university and the hospital. the buses are very cheap only 47cent. the were regular and mostly on time.
- Only €0.47 to take the bus.
- We walked
- Buses in Malta are very cheap 47 cents!! Garden view is just a short walk from two bus stops. The walk to the university and hospital is not pleasant and fairly dangerous so we caught the bus most days. Buses are varied in age but all get you there eventually.
- buses are regular and on time and only cost 47cents.
- Maltese buses!! google them!!

Haarlem comments:

- no additional funding was offered to help with the cost of travelling to placement
- too expensive to go to placement and very time consuming

Lund comments:

- bike is nesascery
- For here in Lund a had a bike. So I had no cost of travelling to go to the hospital and school, here in Lund. To go to Malmo I had pay a bus membership for a month.
- We used the jojo card so it was a good way to travel to and from the hospital and school.

Porto comments:

- Easy to get around from were I lived. close to both bus and metro. To school I had to take first the metro then the train. sometimes the train didnt go very often, and I had to wait for a long time.

6. COST OF LIVING

Food was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Very expensive			4			1				1			
Expensive		3	4	3		2		1	4	1	2		
Same as home		2		2	1	2	1	2		15	7		
Cheap				1	5		3	2		3		2	2
Very cheap					2		1	1				2	
Social life was:													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Very expensive		1	5			1			4		3		
Expensive		4	3	2	3	2		3	2	1	1		
Same as home				1	1	2		2	1	10	4	2	
Cheap				3	2		3	1		8	1	2	2
Very cheap					2		2			1			

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- food can be quite expensive. the best is to find big supermarkets like tesco to get the cheapest possible. drinks are a bit expensive.

Bergen comments:

- I think that the costs make it really hard to do stuff here. We didnt go out that much, because it was so expensive, i think that is a shame. We had to buy the food together, because it is so expensive.

- Everything is very expensive, food, alcohol, clothes, everything!

Brussels comments:

- some supermarkets were expensive than others but cheaper shopping centre were within walking distance.
- Many of the food that would be considered cheap at home was quite expensive here. It was also impossible to get many of the foods that I would usually have at home, but this was expected. Social life is much cheaper at home on a whole, although there are exceptions.

Coimbra comments:

- Alcoholic beverages and taxis were very cheap in relation to socialising!!! Food was also very cheap and even as students we could eat out a lot in restaurants for a very reasonable price.
- well depends what are you doing but eating in restaurants is definitely not cheap. But partying is not so costly except taxi expenses that are almost obligatory.
- In comparison to at home, I found the cost of living in general very cheap!
- The food and water was cheaper than in my country, but then the night lift, cinemas and clothes are more expensive
- Depend of what kind of food you want to eat and where. In students restaurants you can get good and cheap food. They have very culinary food.

Dublin comments: none

Eindhoven comments:

- MUCH cheaper than home!!
- The living cost was low, and there were good facilities for sports, and social activities. A monthly pass in the student sportscentrum was about 15€.
- The food was only marginally cheaper and eating out was approximately the same. Socially it was cheaper but as a non-drinker it didn't effect me

Ipswich comments: none

Ljubljana comments: none

Malta comments:

- Going out was much cheaper than at home, it was great!
- the food was a good price in the supermarkets, certain things were more expensive than at home. in the nightclubs the alcohol was very cheap!
- Cinema was cheaper than at home. Drinks were the same.
- Food was roughly the same as at home if not slightly more. The corner shop to gardenview is slightly more expensive yet handy to have on the doorstep. Drinking and socialising is much cheaper than in the UK.
- nights out were very cheap. dont have to pay to get in anywhere. plenty of activities to do in malta as well, none of which were expensive.

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments:

- corridor party's are less expensive and always fun. willy's is the cheap store for food. vegetables are expensive. alcohol is expensive.
- Expensive in contrast with Malta

Porto comments:

- Some places were more expensive than others, but all in all, it was very cheap:)

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8. ACTIVITIES

Were there activities organised in which you could take part?

Social activities													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		4	8	6	8	5	2	6	4	16	6	4	2
No		1					3			4	3		
Did these meet your needs?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		3	8	6	7	3	2	6	3	17	4	4	2
No		2			1	2	3		1	3	5		

Cultural activities													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		4	7	5	8	4	3	6	3	20	3	4	2
No		1		1		1	2		1		6		
Did these meet your needs?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		4	7	5	7	3	3	6	3	20	3	4	2
No		1		1	1	2	2		1		6		

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments: none

Bergen comments:

- The buddies organised some parties, that was really nice, especially because we didnt know the city that well. There were also some trips arranged, but i only went to the fjord trip. The ski trip was in schooltime.
- This place is good for people who enjoy the outdoors, mountain walking, skiing etc. Not so good for clubs, dinners etc. We did a couple of mountain walks, went skiing, went a fjord trip which was really good, went to a few quiz nights, cultural dinners (everyone brings a plate from their own country) and parties.
- Quite expensive to socialise but very enjoyable with many outdoor activities

Brussels comments:

- More social activities (treasure hunt with other students), watching film organized by accomodation staff. Cultural activities lacking but had opportunity to meet students of different cultures in pubs and restaurants.

Coimbra comments:

- 3 class outings were organised in relation to Portuguese culture which were very enjoyable. We had no social events organised for us until week 9 of the 12 weeks, this was such a pity as the events and trips organised for erasmus were very enjoyable. The reason for this was because the Coimbra Erasmus Network that organises events for the hundreds of erasmus students in Coimbra did not recieve our contact details until week 9 as the school is not part of the main University and our contact details had not been passed on. We had never heard of this group until their initial email, but if we had it would have made our trip so much better and helped us meet more new people.
- Well from cultural activities I would like to see more of travelling and seeing the architectural feets of Portugal.
- Social activities were organised for us however they did not start until about half way through the program. This was probably due to the fact that the portuguese students were doing exams when we first arrived.
- I am played football, table tennis with other students, and i found a nice places to run there. Music here is very special and you can enjoy in listening.

Dublin comments:

- There was only one trip organised and that was by the students, they said they didn't realise they had to organise trips for us. There were other activities organised by the Bord na Gaeilge but there was a lot of work to do so I didn't really have time to participate in many.
- It would have been nice to do some more activities, this year it was limited to the Belfast trip

Eindhoven comments:

- CARNAVAL was explained to us briefly in our language class. We participated on our own accord in Carnival.
- Within our Dutch language class we also learnt about Dutch culture but any activities were planned by ourselves

Ipswich comments: none

Ljubljana comments: none

Malta comments:

- I think it would be beneficial, since we are such a small and specialised group, to have a small committee set up of the host radiography class who could help organise activities as a group. There were some things organised, but in the beginning I think it would have helped us to

settle in if there were trips or parties organised with the class. The cultural trips that were organised by our lecturer were fantastic!

- there were a few social activities that were organised by the institution or the students from the host country. but to be honest you didn't really need it, we lived so close to each other we organised our own activities such as the cinema, bowling, going to the beach, boat trips, gozo carnival!! lots of fun!!
- the culture trips are very nice, you see the nicest places in Malta and the lecturer who guides them is really nice as well
- There were some culture trips organised. And the radiographers and the Maltese students organised some parties or other activities.
- The culture trips were a highlight of the exchange. We were encouraged to meet the Maltese students and went on a couple of nights out with them.
- we had culture lessons, with trips out and around Malta. they were very good and gave us the opportunity to see things that we wouldn't have necessarily found otherwise.

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments:

- a lot of activities were organised. mentor group, medicine faculty mentor group, etc...
- From the faculty there were not a lot of activities. There started to organize things in the middle of February. I think it is good to start earlier with it.
I know they organized some things, but I couldn't come because I had other appointments.
- Good activities organized by the faculty of Medicine. Thanks

Porto comments:

- When the arrangement from Erasmus started it was something to do for all tastes. Very good:)
- when the Erasmus season started, it was a lot of activities. :)

9. EMERGENCIES

In relation to emergencies or ill-health

Were you informed from the start where you could find help in case of any problems?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		4	7	5	5	4	5	6	3	20	6	3	
No		1	1	1	3	1			1		3	1	2
Were you informed from the start about arrangements in case of illness?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		3	7	6	2	2	5	4	1	18	4	2	
No		2	1		6	3		2	3	1	5	2	2
Did you experience any serious problems during the exchange?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes			4	1		1	1		1		1	1	
No		5	3	5	8	4	4	6	3	20	8	3	2
If yes, was the problem adequately solved?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes			5	2	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	
No		1	1	1	1		1			3	1		

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments: none

Bergen comments:

- Yes one involved another student and this was handled reasonably well I think although some things could have been done better.
- I had an experience which led to my being diagnosed as and beginning treatment for manic depression in Norway. HiB, the Bergen student organisation and the Norwegian healthcare system all provided excellent support during a very difficult time.
- Erasmus students should be aware of their rights before travel in terms of serious difficulties with other students. We experienced a serious problem here involving another

student with mental illness and were unsure of what we should do and what our rights were.

Brussels comments:

- We had the health insurance in case if medical assistance was required during my stay. Stomach upsets due to the uncooked food but had medications required.

Coimbra comments:

- We were informed to bring our European Health Insurance Card.
- Well I had some knee problems, but I didn't search doctors help.
- I got explanation and i didn't have problems.

Dublin comments:

- I had some back problems, but it was taken care of very well

Eindhoven comments: none

Ipswich comments: none

Ljubljana comments: none

Malta comments:

- had no problems but there are plenty of pharmacies around if not you can visit the local doctor or the hospital.
- We were informed on the first day of what to do if you got ill. I had to visit a doctor at the hospital and was seen efficiently.
- we knew who to contact if we had any problems, as well as a list of phone numbers. these would have been helpful should we have any problems.

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments: none

Porto comments:

- Didnt get any information about what to do if any emergency cases came up.
- i was only informed at the hospital, the emergencie number

10. FUNDING

In relation to your funding

Did you receive ERASMUS funding?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		5	8	5	8	5	5	6	4	20	9	4	2
No				1									
Did you receive additional funding from home or host institution?													
Rating	AT	Belf	Ber	Bru	CO	DU	EI	IP	LUN	MA	HA	LJU	PO
Yes		2	1	3	3	2	2			6	2		2
No		3	7	3	5	3	2	6	4	14	7	4	

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- The university paid for our accommodation. the rest was all on us.

Bergen comments:

- I don't really know how it works but it seemed as though some students from other countries got different ammounts. Some places gave students more money for Norway and less for cheaper places like Malta. I think this is perhpas a fairer system as I think we all got the same ammount regardless of the cost of living of each country.
- Bergen is very expensive to live in. The grant amount could be reconsidered.

Brussels comments:

- had 350 euros as erasmus grant which did not cover the expences of the accomodation 500 euros per month.
- I received what I believe to be a very small amount from my home institution. This was not sufficient to cover my rent in Brussels, let alone my rent which I am paying in Belfast. Financially, this trip has been very difficult.
- Recieved a grant from home institution however, did not recieve for a month

Coimbra comments:

- I received an Erasmus Grant from my home institution UCD. This grant covered both my flights to and from Lisbon and 3 months rent with some money left over.
- We received 2/3 of Erasmus funding.
- I received one erasmus grant which was administered from my home institution.
- I received a Erasmus scholarship and social scholarship from my country.

Dublin comments: none

Eindhoven comments:

- 1000 was given to me by my home institution.
- However those with travel costs to the hospital had this funded. The ERASMUS funding did not even cover the 3 months rent here, whereas for other countries it covered rent, flights and some living expenses

Ipswich comments: none

Ljubljana comments: none

Malta comments:

- From our home institution we get an erasmus funding €750 for three months.
- We received money from UCD before coming on Erasmus which paid the majority of our rent.
- I received erasmus funding in belgian, it was enough to cover a big part of the rent in garden view
- We received our funding the month before we arrived in Malta.
- we were given 675euro before we came out. no additional funding was given from home or host institute.
- ERASMUS definitely reduced my bank balance, a lot!!

Haarlem comments: none

Lund comments:

- Erasmus funding was very low considered to the expensive life in Sweden.

Porto comments: none

11. OVERALL ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

Athens comments: none

Belfast comments:

- The erasmus experience is an amazing experience that you will never ever forget and I encourage all students to participate in it.
- From my personal experience , I can say that the Erasmus exchange was simply great. I got the chance to make a lot of friends from different countries , which helped me improve my English as well as learning more about different countries and cultures. From this experience I also learned how to live with new people, and helped me mature in having to live by myself and be more responsible in cooking and doing housework.
- my Erasmus programme was amazing. i got to meet new people and learn about new cultures and languages. i also got the chance to work in the hospital and learn new techniques and conventional radiography. it was an experience i will never forget.
- great experience which helps you grow not only academic wise.
- No words can describe an experience like that!! It was more than an amazing and great experience. We learnt, had fun and enjoy and especially met new ppl from different places around the world

Bergen comments:

- I had a great time here, we did a lot of trips and walks, and the weather was really great this year, so we were really lucky. The only thing is, that the most tourist things open after march, so we missed a lot of things to do here. The city is not that big, so there were periods that I was quite bored. I think that the first placement is quite long. 4 weeks is a long time, and if you don't feel comfortable there, then it is really too long. It was a great experience though, to learn the language and see the differences from home. Overall I had a very nice experience here, I learned a lot and met so many new people.
- I think overall it was a good experience professionally, I learnt a lot in one of placement blocks and it was interesting to see how they do things in another country. For me personally it felt like 3 months was too long though, it is very expensive and on a limited

budget there is only so much you can do. The town is quite small and not a lot happening unless you like mountains. The people generally though were very friendly and welcoming.

- We were welcomed very warmly by the Norwegian students and teachers and given a lot of support. The Norwegian system is adaptable and not as bureaucratic as that in the UK, and this meant that many potentially serious complications could be handled effectively and sensitively. The experience of meeting many other international students was an extremely positive one: we had a lot of social contact beyond the radiography students. Seeing how the Norwegian system approached the same clinical goals with different methods to those used in the UK was enlightening and the other radiography students brought different perspectives to Norway as well. For me the experience was marred by a personal crisis, but this did give me the chance to see how the Norwegian healthcare system operates as a patient as well as a radiography student, and I was very impressed with the support offered.
- Very good, it's a real good experience to see how departments in other countries are working. It's also a very good opportunity to see something of your host country. We did some travelling and seen a lot of things you must have seen when here. We made a lot of new friends and other contacts. The only problem with Norway are the prices but you choose that for yourself. Living here is very expensive, I'm all broke but had a very pleasant time here. The teaching though is a lot different from our own in the Netherlands. It's a little less hard here. Coming here is also a good experience to train the English language, I rather mastered the Norwegian language but there was too little time for that. I also joined the buddy program which is a good thing to do here. My buddy was like a friend to me and guided me real good through the 3 months.

Overall was it a really pleasant stay and a really good experience to learn about yourself, the country, the culture, other international students and their experiences and much more. It was a real good choice doing this!

- A very good learning experience. I learned a lot here and gained a high level of clinical competency. I enjoyed the practical placement as we were given a lot of responsibility, were treated as members of a team and began cannulating patients which we are not allowed to do at home. The country itself is beautiful and there are many cultural activities as well as social activities to do. Despite the problems we had here we developed excellent life skills and contributed to our learning experience. I thought the clinical teaching here was far superior to the one at home and the organisation of placement a lot better. University staff along with the patient care module really contributed to my learning and the lectures we had were extremely interesting. It is quite an expensive country to live in and would recommend students to have money saved along with their Erasmus grant. In saying that the rent was relatively cheap and accommodation is attached to the University which was excellent. I really enjoyed my time here.
- For me it was a very good experience. From the beginning we were the only ones in the Erasmus group who had to speak in a foreign language. For presentations was it very handy to get help from one of the "English Speakers" but it was also a big difference how hard it was in the beginning to mix with each other, because they have their own language and we have. I have seen a lot of my host country and that made my time very good here. I have seen so much of Norway and it didn't feel all the time like I had something to do with my study. The practical placements were very good. It is a good experience to open your eyes and see that my own way is not always the best way or the only way. Sometimes it was hard to communicate with the Norwegian healthcare workers. It was very good for me that I had to speak English. I was always quite afraid to speak in a foreign language, specially English because I thought that my English was very bad. Norway is a very very expensive country. All my money is gone now but I had a wonderful time. Norway is a really good choice to go. The way they work is quite the same as in Holland, they have like we very advanced machines so you can really learn something here what you probably didn't know before about our study and how to work.

Norway may do not sound very tropical, but is a great opportunity to explore a very beautiful country.

- I had a good experience. However the cost of socialising was very expensive so this reduced the amount of nights out that we could have. Our Norwegian class mates were very welcoming and organised parties and nights out for us during the entire exchange. They invited us to their house-parties and many social events. Social activities were also organised by the university with other international students, such as cultural evenings, trips outside Bergen and a welcome week. The welcome week was excellent and allowed us to make many new friends and meet Erasmus students from other courses. We remained friends with many of these people during the exchange. Accommodation was adjacent to our college which was excellent. Our hospital placement was within walking distance or a short (15 minutes) bus ride from our accommodation. I would recommend Bergen for a somebody who enjoys out-door activities such as hiking, hill walking, skiing, snowboarding, diving, etc. All these activities are available in Bergen or near to Bergen. We had a lot of contact with our college during clinical placements. Each student is given a contact teacher in the college and assigned to a radiographer in the hospital. There is a lot of support even to students and always a lecturer to turn to when needed, with both academic and personal issues. To conclude, I would strongly recommend Bergen as an Erasmus destination, but be aware of the high cost of living and socialising.
- The Erasmus programme was very good. They arranged buddies who take care of us the first weeks, that was very nice! We were integrated into a Norwegian class and follow with them the same module. That is an easy way to learn the people here and for the Norwegian language. The language course was very good and just enough for the placement. We had 7 weeks of clinical placement, which was arranged very good. Interesting weeks and learned a lot, good guides etc. Maybe it would be nice if you had some more days off than only the weekend, for example in the middle between the two clinical placements to explore Culture or Nature from Norway more. Now it was only possible in the weekends.

Brussels comments:

- Erasmus exchange was worthwhile and satisfactory experience. The unknown challenges some due to lack of information: (limited language, unable to use Visa in some places and lack of direction during travelling outside Brussels) were overcome and had personal gaining experience. The choice depends on the perspective of individual going for the exchange.
- It was very good, it would be better if there were more students in the class or if we shared some classes with the Belgian students. It is a very good location if you want to do travelling. The management part of the course is also very interesting.
- I had a very good impression in the beginning of the programme? but as time passed I felt like what I was searching for Erasmus and what I get from Erasmus was not matching well, I felt lots of difficulties in adaptation and integration, but time solved the problem.

I feel that maybe I was the only one experiencing Erasmus that way compared to my classmates, I maybe was too strict in what I wanted, but in the end it was a very good experience.

I will remember Erasmus for life, I met a lot of people in the last weeks that will be very important contacts in the future.

- I feel it is a very worthwhile programme and every student should take part. I have become a great deal more independent and aware of other cultures but also more appreciative of my native country. 3 months may be a long time to be away from home for some people, but this is an excellent opportunity.
- Enjoyed Belgium culture. The different cities to visit maybe should be advertised more. Lecturers were very friendly and helpful. A more organised timetable of classes and other events would be good.
- I found it difficult living in Brussels as we arrived a month before other Erasmus students so we found it hard to make friends. Our accommodation was so poor-we could not use the kitchen as it was so dirty so we had to eat out all the time. I also had to do my thesis during my stay here-other students didn't so the work load was imbalanced. The host institution

put a lot of work into organising the course and were very helpful and we could contact our lecturer by phone at any time.

Coimbra comments:

- I would definitely recommend the Erasmus exchange programme to any students thinking about doing it. Despite the issues outlined, should the recommended changes be implemented Coimbra is an excellent place to spend your 3 months. Not only is it very cheap and has excellent train services that give great travelling opportunities, for the last month of the exchange the weather was excellent and really lived up to its name of sunny Portuguese weather. However I would recommend any students to do more research in relation to their living arrangements before arriving here and if like us you have a thesis to be completing in your final year, ensure that adequate study facilities are provided. The majority speak English so I would not see the language barrier as an issue, however I would recommend learning basic Portuguese when you get here.
- I think that in 3 months you can experience a lot from your future work and also meet a lot of interesting people and find some interesting places and cultural differences you can look forward to when you visit other country for extended period of time. My experience was overall really good and if I could, I would surely go again.
- The Erasmus experience has certainly made a positive contribution on my life –academically, professionally and personally. I believe it is definitely an experience that should be embraced by all those fortunate enough to have the opportunity.

I am extremely grateful that my Erasmus experience was in Coimbra.

I gained a lot from the friends and colleges I made during my stay in Coimbra. During these three months my self confidence has grown as I socialised with a multicultural group of friends, some of which I'm sure will remain life long friends! I think Coimbra has prepared me well for my final three months of college upon my return to Ireland. I will return to Ireland feeling confident and independent with having this experience.

After gaining so much from my Erasmus experience when I return to Ireland I am going to promote the Erasmus Scheme to the third years who have the option of traveling on Erasmus next year, I hope that my enthusiasm will create a curiosity in them to discover Europe (and in particular Portugal) for themselves. I will definitely encourage them to go on Erasmus as I find it difficult to believe that anyone could return from their three month Erasmus experience without feeling at least one positive effect from their experience. I would thoroughly recommend this experience to any potential student.

Erasmus gave me the great and unique opportunity to actually live in another country and become part of its population and culture. I was being educated whilst enjoying myself in a stunning setting.

I met so many inspiring people and experienced so many things I would never have dreamt of. My time away was full and exciting. Coimbra will always hold a place in my heart!

Following this three month experience in Portugal I will be returning to Ireland with a massive smile on my face and many great memories, impressions and experiences of my Portuguese experience. Thank you for this once in a life time experience that I will never forget!

- I really liked Portugal, and I really enjoyed it. For me it was worth choosing Portugal as my first choice. What I didn't like was the area where my accommodation was, because it was not safe to walk out at night, but for 3 months it is ok. otherwise we didn't have problems. The Portuguese people were friendly with us and helpful. Portugal was a nice place, we also learnt new things about CT, and we also learnt some basic Portuguese. It was a wonderful experience.
- This is for me a life experience and I must be happy that I am part of this. You can have fun, you meet a lot of new friends from different countries and after you still have a contact. You get a work experience. I like very much Portugal and for me was really good exchange.

- I liked the apartment, that i lived with Portugese people. I went to four placements. Two of them were very good to travel to, one was a little bit further but oke, although the turtor told me he didn't want Erasmusstudents anymore, but the last one was traveling for 2,5 hours and i thought that was to much. I liked it that we get lessions in Portugese, and i wouldn't mind if i get some more lession in it, because i knew no words in Portugese when i came, and three weeks where for me not enough, but maybe for others it is enough. I liked to get inventations and trips for Erasmusstudents. The CT program with placements where nice.
- I liked the Erasmus programme in Portugal. It was good to have 3 weeks of lessons on school and 8 of clinical placements. It was nice to have clinical placements in 4 different clinics, but 1 clinic was very far away. We had a nice accomodation. I liked the things that were organised for erasmus students like the salsa lessons.

Dublin comments:

- I didn't really feel very well informed about some issues such as where we could go to the doctor although I'm sure the staff would have told us if we came to them and asked specifically, however I found some of the staff not very approachable. I also thought it was a bit unfair that there was a trick question in one of the exams, and that the forensic MCQ wasn't worded very well especially for the students of which English isn't their first language. I'm not meaning to sound lazy here but I thought that the amount of work we were expected to do and the amount of time we had to do it in was a bit excessive. I also thought it was unfair that being in Ireland we had to stay longer than the other students as a lot of the other students were home a week or so before we had even finished. I thought that maybe there would have been something organised as a 'fairwell' as it said on the timetable but there wasn't really, that was a bit disappointing. Overall though I think it was a good experience as the other students were all very friendly and welcoming and the staff in the hospital I was placed at were all very helpful and welcoming too, generally I have enjoyed my time in Ireland.
- I think there should be more organised fun with the class. And I think it is unfair that some ERASMUS countries have little schoolwork, and others like Ireland give the ERASMUS students more assignments and tests.
- it was a very good experience in terms of understanding different ways of working in different countries. apart from being expensive dublin met most of my needs and i will recommend it to anyone if affordable.
- I had a very good time on Erasmus in Dublin! The only downside was that we had to do a lot assessment and they took a lot of time preparring for.

Eindhoven comments:

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, although within fontys there could be some activities organised to integrate the foreign students with the college itself, as there was no social activities organised during the stay

- Eindhoven and the Netherlands was a great place for an exchange, with lots of opportunities for new cultural experiences. The carneval in february is a big tradition in the southern provinces of netherlands and was a very intresting and fun experience. I also got to see much of a part of Europe I never would have experienced to the same degree, using eindhoven as a hub for weekend "expeditions".

The lecturers were very good and animated in their lectures, taking advantage of the small group of students by asking us questions and providing a very good learning environment.

I would recommend the international office of eindhoven to reconsider their Rental agency associate Magis Vastgoed Beheer which are not doing their job properly.

- My overall exp is that Erasmus exchange programme needs to communicate better with the ones in charge of the accomodations. Besides from that the educational programme in Eindhoven was great with a realy organized programme. I also got to learn some about the Dutch culture as well as the language.
- I have personally had an excellent experience of Erasmus. We were lucky to have an excellent co-ordinator and a good organisation to the course here. There are some things which were not ideal, but these related to difficulties with the accommodation agency, and in completing a thesis while abroad.

The Netherlands is an ideal location for an Erasmus exchange due to its relative proximity to most mainland Europe countries and its excellent travel network.

We were fortunate to be in a country where English is learnt from an early age and so no major language barriers in general life were noticed, however hospital placement was slightly more difficult, and while staff could explain queries it made communication with patients more difficult.

- Excellent. Was a really good opportunity to meet new people and experience new culture. It also allowed for some travelling around Europe which was very good!

Ipswich comments:

- I enjoyed it a lot, had a lot of clinical hours but i have learnt from them, lectures were very interesting and helped me in my revision for my exams back home. clinical lectures and tutors at university were very helpful and help us a lot. all social activities were great getting to know staff and other people.
- I felt that the Erasmus programme has helped me to improve and mature in various aspects of life not only academic ones. However I have learnt new information which will help me throughout the rest of my course. Thanks.
- amazing experience that i will never forget!!!!!!
- I really liked the programme, it is a good opportunity to go abroad.
- I think it's a great experience for going abroad. You learn much more about the country, the different system in the hospital and also the differences in school.
- It was a great experience. I loved! It was an expensive experience, but it was an opportunity to improve my knowledge.

Ljubljana comments:

- I really enjoyed this Erasmus exchange to Slovenia a lot! It was a great experience. Slovenia is a lovely country and the people were all really nice to us! Even the people that work in the supermarket or in a restaurant. We learned a lot during our exchange! We had the chance to have a lot of clinical practice, so that we could see the differences between the host country and our home country. Living in Ljubljana was good and also very cheap! The host country arranges a lot for (foreigner) student, such as student food coupons. This means that you can eat a main dish for a 2 or 3 euro's! There were also a lot of trips arranged by the student organization office, which were very good! Living in the dormitory was nice for getting to know other (Erasmus) students. I would definitely recommend other students to go on Erasmus to Slovenia!
- Loved all aspects of the programme and really enjoyed it! The lecturers in Slovenia were really good to us, went out of their way to help and brought us to places all around Slovenia! Couldn't have asked for any more from the host institution!
- I really enjoyed my time in Ljubljana. We got the opportunity to see a wide variety of modalities and experience the Slovenian healthcare system. The staff at the University Medical Centre were very welcoming and we learned a lot. Tina, Nejc and Ana were very good to us and we appreciate everything they did for us so much. It was a pity that we didn't get to meet the Slovenian students earlier but this was due to the way the semesters fell and couldn't be helped but we did meet a good few in February and all were really helpful and very nice. Overall it was a fantastic experience and looking forward to my next visit to Lj already!
- The arrangement of the accommodation wasn't very successful. It was not as we were told before we came. This was not the fault of the Erasmus organisation but from the Dormitory staff. It worked out fine eventually. The teachers were very helpful during the entire exchange and we had a lot of possibilities to experience, do and see what we wanted. Everything combined a really great experience!

Malta comments:

- I found the Erasmus programme to be an experience that was unforgettable. I had the best 3 months of my life and I think I am a better person for it. I learned a lot about myself during the 3 months and made more friends than I could have ever imagined. Thank you Malta!
- It was great, I would recommend it to everyone!
- good erasmus exchange visit satisfactory
- Malta is an excellent host institution, the whole ERASMUS exchange was well organised and catered to our needs. Got a mix of university and clinical placement, Maltese culture and a

little language which was great. I can now tell my friends and family some Maltese history and phrases! Met lots of international students bringing with them different ways of life, culture etc. Wish I could have stayed longer!!

- this erasmus programme is the best thing i've ever done. i had so much fun and i've learnt alot.

mater dei hospital is a large newly built hospital with digital equipment. the placement was varied i particularly enjoyed the week i spent in the cath lab where i was allowed to watch a aortic valve replacement in theatre. the other areas were very enjoyable and i was able to add to my previous knowledge. the hours that were required of us was very achievable. the social aspect of the exchange was brilliant there are plenty of things to do and loads of people to meet.

the gozo carnival is a must!!! a great night.

i recommend this experience to anyone, i'd love to do it all over again. the people i've met i will certainly keep in contact with and events and reunions have already been planned.

- I loved the whole experience. I would stay here if I could! Of course the weather helped a lot; I don't think it would have been the same if it was raining all the time! The staff in the IHC were very helpful and our lecturers were fantastic; they were very enthusiastic and it really helped to give us a richer experience!
- i would like to recommend malta to everyone , it's great here, you meet lots of new people at the garden view residence, you are close to the going out neighbourhood and the weather in malta is amazing. i really had the best time here. everybody of the radiography lecturer staff are really nice and help you if you need something.
- Overall I would say Erasmus has been three of the best months of my life. I have met a great variety of people and Everyone got on really well. The Garden View Complex enabled us all to socialise everyday. Everything was organised well including work load, language lessons and culture trips. We got a good experience of the clinical department. I feel we got everything we could out of our three months the radiographers were all very helpful when we needed help with organising trips etc all offering advice on transport and places to see. I would recommend anyone who visits Malta in February to also attend carnival in Gozo which was the highlight of my trip!
- The time spent here in Malta was a great experience personal and professionally. I was well received for the responsible members of the erasmus, and the placement in the hospital was really interesting.
Concerning to life here, i have to say that in this part of the year, this is the best country of Europe to study.
- Overall the Erasmus experience in Malta was very successful and most enjoyable. It was really good getting the opportunity to meet you people from different countries. The Cultural and Social aspects of Malta made this experience one of the best.
- We loved malta and the exchange. We had loads of fun and a great tan.
- i thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the erasmus programme. everything about it has been valuable, learning about other cultures, how other departments work and also social aspects. i would recommend the erasmus exchange to anyone, especially to malta. sun, sea, great company and lots of fun, what more could you ask for!!
- Go to Malta. It was the best decision I ever had to go there.
- It was very good and nice
- i liked it very much and i learn a lot about working in another country
- Was definitely worth doing, would recommend it to anyone considering doing erasmus!!
- Good program, I learned a lot about the differences between the Netherlands and Malta. And I liked the Maltese language lectures a lot.
- Very nice, learning the habits of another culture. 3 months is just long enough.

Haarlem comments:

- an experience that i will surely not forget, and I would recommend the future students not to live in the same accommodation that we were living in, as there are much better ones with the same expenses and better services.
- 3 best months of my life. Even if something bad happened, I don't remember anymore.
- I recommend it to everyone I know because it is (if not the best) one of the best experiences of my life. Not only I gained a lot of knowledge here but I've also gained special friends!

- It was very good. I would recommend it to other students in the future however I would tell them to find their own accommodation as opposed to taking the offered accommodation. It was a very worthwhile experience and learnt a lot and met some very nice people whom I wish to remain friends with in the future.
- The overall experience was good. Enjoyed studying here and meeting new people. Travelling cost was quite expensive as well as social life such as buying drinks, eating out etc. I was disappointed with the accommodation provided. The kitchen in our apartment was shared resulting in us having to clean other people's mess. There wasn't enough kitchen equipment...2 pans between 12 people is surely not enough! We also had no privacy since the owner used to barge in without us knowing! Apart from this I had a great time and would suggest other students to follow and exchange programme.
- it was a good experience on the whole. lots of time to practice but no activities were organised for us and travelling was expensive.
- Very expensive transport which led to less cultural and social activities. cost of living is the same as home but social activities such as clubs and drinks were so expensive! education in university (IN HOLLAND) was excellent which led me to a higher level in my profession. Accommodation was very poor compared to other students' accommodation in the netherlands and the student accommodation in ireland. Kitchen and living room were shared with the other foreign and the rates were expensive when compared to our apartment state. Also some furniture (eg. wardrobe) wasn't any comfortable for 2 persons. Since the accommodation was far from the school and the city we had to pay much money for transport and led to less socializing, which i find important and now i am very disappointed about it. Also, funds from Malta' University were not enough for paying rents and transport since the cost of living here is expensive.
- it was a very good experience on the whole, the school program was good and the way we were being taught was good....the accommodation was not cheap and therefore expected more from it. travelling costs are very very expensive (trains, buses, etc.)

Lund comments:

- Lund exchange was a very good organised program. we always know where to go and what to do. the supervisors and coordinators take good care of you. when you have problems they will help you. the atmosphere in lund is very nice because of the big amount of students. this ersasmus experience in lund fitted totally to my character, which is independent, free and mature.
- This was a very useful experience not just educational wise but also socially and culturally. It was very easy to practice here and we were given lots of opportunities to see different sections not just CT and MRI. The faculty was very helpful in providing information but also activities. Lecturers were good and always there to help. Sweden is amazing ... I would greatly recommend Lunds Universitet to other students!
- I had a great time.
Only the preparation to come here was not so smooth. The communication can be better. The guest university has a good programme. I learn a lot of it.
Only three months is too short. Because I have met a lot of people and it is not nice to go earlier back home than they are.
- I really enjoyed my stay in Sweden. Hospital practice was very good and I learned a lot more than I expected. Overall it was an excellent experience and I would do it again if I had the chance!

Porto comments:

- The school program was not good. It was totally different from what we got information about at home. It was not good enough planned when we arrived Porto. They didn't know where to place us at first, and I didn't get much out of it. The first practice at the IPO was very good. The second practice was not good, (Hospital San Joan) and the last was ok. I also thought we would be more at school, as we also got told at home we would, but we were there only a couple of days. So my overall impression is not very good. But except from school and practice everything was very good, and I had a great time in Porto.
- the practice was not properly planned for us when we came. We did not have the same practice that we received information about. We did not receive any language course as promised. The first practice was very good, and my monitor spoke very good english. The 2.

practise was not good, we was not informed about the patients and we always had to ask. The 3. practise was good and we learned alot. We wish that our practise already was arranged when we came, and that we had a scadual. But i had a great time anyway, but i guess i could have learned alot more.