



Overall evaluation of the organization (by students)

			Number of forms received
1	HA	Haarlem The Netherlands	20
2	EI	Eindhoven The Netherlands	
3	BE	Bergen – Norway	13
4	IP	Ipswich - Uk	0
5	DU	Dublin – Ireland	0
6	TU	Turku – Finland	
7	MA	Malta	19
8	CO	Coimbra – Portugal	8 out of 9
9	BF	Belfast - UK	0
10	AT	Athens – Greece	7
11	PO	Porto – Portugal	6
12	LU	Lund - Sweden	2
13	BD	Budejovice Czech Republic	

TO:	Ha	Ha.rt	Ei	Be	Be.rt	Ip	Ip.rt	Du	Tu	Ma	Co	Bf	Bf.rt	Bd	At	Po	Po.rt	Lu	Tot.
From:			2007						2007								2007		
Haarlem				1	2			2		2	3	3							
Eindhoven																			
Bergen		2				2		3		2	1	2		2	1	2		1	
Ipswich				1	1					2								1	
Dublin										5	1				2	1			
Turku																			
Malta	5							3			4								
Coimbra				3				2						2					
Belfast	2	9		3						7						3			
C.Budejovice				1															
Athens																			
Porto rd	2														4				
Porto rt							2						2						
Lund						1													
Tartu										1									
total rd	9			9		3		10		19	9	5		4	7	6		2	83
total rt		11			3		2						2						18

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2			2					1		2	1			
3	12		8				2	2		2	5	1		
4	8		2				4	4		1				
5			1				13			2		1		

1.2 living accommodation

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	4							1						
2	10		2					2			3			
3	3		8				5	3		4	2	2		
4	2		3				9	1			1			
5	1						10			3				

1.3 travel arrangements

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2											1			
3	9		7				2	2		4	1	1		
4	9		5				8	4			3			
5	2		1				7	2		3	1	1		

1.4 cost of living

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1			1				1							
2	1		4				2							
3	11		8				8	2		4	2	1		
4	7						5	5		1	2	1		
5	1						3	1		2	2			

1: Information received in advance on:

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1.5 host country

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	1													
2			3				2							
3	6		5				5	3		3	1			
4	11		3				7	4		2	3			
5	2		2				5	1		2	2	2		

Comments:

Haarlem:

- We only received the basic information before coming (Belfast)
- The information about accommodation came very late (Bergen)

Porto:

- We were not given much information on where we were staying or that we were sharing with another person. We also requested our own rooms – two people had to share.

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
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2														
3	3		5				4			2	1			
4	8		6				10	7		2	4	1		
5	7		2				5	1		3	1	1		

2.2 Did you have any problems to find your accommodation?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD
y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
20		13				10	8		7	6	2	

Comments:

Haarlem:

- It was very nice of the Dutch students to pick us up from the airport and to help us with the luggage (Malta)
- We were welcomed by the students. It was very nice, because we did not have to panic. They just took us to the hostel by their own car (Malta),
- The Dutch students were very helpful, collected us at the airport and drove us until accommodation. My suitcase got lost at the airport which made us over an hour late and the students continued to wait for us. This was very much appreciated (Belfast)

Bergen:

- There was a chauffeur waiting for us. Really nice. To have a private driver and a nice one. We did not feel lost at the airport and in the city (Brussels)

Malta:

- The taxi man was at the airport on time and was very nice. Hw showed us some attractions on the way to Garden View and he wasn't very expensive.
- Through no fault of our own or the university we missed a connecting flight so we arrived a little later than expected. It was no trouble though as the taxi driver had been informed (Dublin)
- Has a few issues with a delayed flight and missing our connecting one, airline were great. The school staff were also excellent for organising a taxi. Se we were picked up after our disaster of a trip (Dublin)

Coimbra:

- The coordinator picked us up.

Athens:

- Mr. Panou fixed everything for us! Very cool!

Porto:

- It was good that the lecturers came to meet us at the airport and brought us to our apartment. We were shown the general area around and introduced to our landlord and fellow students. We appreciated this very much.

Lund:

- It took very long before we were given accommodation from the university and they expected us to pat 4600 sek in deposit on a week notice (Bergen).
- Lecturer was brilliant and helped us find our accommodation and move in (Ipswich)

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	3		6				1	8		2	1			
2	2		4							1	1			
3	7		1				2			2	2	1		
4	3		1				7				2			
5			1				9							

3.2 In the host country:

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

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	2						1				2			
2	2		5				2	1		1	2			
3	10		5				5	4		2	2	1		
4	3		3				6	2		2	1			
5							4	1				1		

Comments:**Haarlem:**

- Did not have language study in home country (Bergen, Belfast)
- Only two classes of Dutch in Haarlem ((Bergen)
- Received good basis language study in Holland (Belfast)

Bergen:

- We did not have any course at home. In Bergen we had one, but maybe it should be more specific for radiology and patient words (Brussels)

Malta:

- Enjoyed learning Maltese (Belfast)
- Maltese language was extremely difficult, but interesting (Belfast) I thoroughly enjoyed language classes here and clearly did not find it as difficult as the other students. I believe it is very difficult for a lecturer to teach a class that has no interest in learning a language. If students were to be examined orally it might be more of an incentive to learn (Dublin)
- Maltese language taught well and topics relevant to out stay (Belfast)
- No language classes in Maltese available in Ireland. In Malta not the schools fault, but the lecturer did not really teach and the grammar was never explained. We just had to follow the pattern (Dublin)
- Very hard to understand the teaching method (Belfast)
- No language preparation on own country. Maltese language books are not on sale. Language course was a big let down. Very inadequate (Ipswich)

Athens:

- negative scores from Bergen and Dublin

Porto:

- negative scores from Bergen 2x
- I did a Portuguese course at home, but no formal language study when on placement (Belfast 2x)
- We were not given any language course in the host country (Belfast)

4. Living accommodation

4.1 comfort:

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

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

Comments:**Haarlem :**

- The hotel was undecipherable... one thing broke after the other, mice, no heat at all the last month, we all got the flu, safety was terrible at first. It was a disgrace to make us live there, but we made the best of it (Bergen)
- No heat the last month. Had to get dressed to go to bed. The rooms and beds were not cleaned, when we arrive. Mice, leakage, fungus is not a part of student accommodation provided in Norway. The price we paid is below home level, but even so not worth it and this standard is not provided at home (Bergen)

- Accommodation has to be seriously reassessed, before any more students get here, as it is poor (Belfast 2x)
- Even though we did not have any luxury, I enjoyed living all together with all Erasmus students. There was lack of hygiene, but it was cosy (Malta)
- It was a total dump/ TV broke in 2 months, lights never replaced, heating broken, mice....but we grew to love it (Belfast)

Bergen:

- Comfort: 1 negative from: Belfast. Costs: more expensive from: Coimbra, Brussels (2x), Very expensive from Ipswich (2x) and Belfast.
- It was cheaper than at home, but facilities weren't as good ((Dublin)

Malta:

- Comfort: 2x below average from Belfast and 1 from Dublin
- Costs: 2x more expensive 1 from Haarlem, 1 from Ipswich
- Apartments in Garden View differ from advertised, we got a much older less comfortable apartment ((Belfast)
- Everyone living together was great. We all got to know one another brilliantly. The gym was great too (Dublin)
- Accommodation was basic, but more than fulfilled the requirements of the group. One particular advantage was having the whole group together as it made it easier to organise social activities and group course work (Dublin)
- Ok for price. Too far from university and hospital. Walking distance from shops (Ipswich)
- Friendly people and staff. Felt safe. Close to everything (Belfast)

Athens :

- 1 x negative. Cheap accommodation, but had to share room (Bergen)

Porto :

- Good facilities, washing machine, TV etc. A bit musty and in need of cleaning.
- Less expensive than home for rent with electricity etc. included

Lund:

- More expensive (Ipswich)

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2	1						5							
3	5		6				8	1		3		1		
4	10						6	6		3	5			
5	4		7					1		1	1	1		

Costs:

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

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	1		13				13	4		5	4	1		
2	4						6	1		1	2			
3	7									1		1		

4	5							3						
5	3													

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2	2						5	1						
3	9						8	4		2		1		
4	9						6	2		4	5			
5			13					1		1	1	1		

Costs:

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

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1			13				13			5	3	1		
2	2						6	5		1	3			
3	6									1		1		
4	6							3						
5	6													

Comments:

Haarlem:

- At home the universities pay for the travelling to clinical placement (Bergen)
- Much more difficult to get to the hospital here than home (Belfast)

Bergen:

- We walked to school and hospitals nearby.

Malta:

- Buses in Malta lack suspension and in some cases decent brakes. Is was an experience though. You can see why Malta is known for these buses (Dublin)
- Local buses are cheap, busy and often uncomfortable. Please relocate accommodation closer to university and hospital (Ipswich)
- One could not describe Maltese buses as comfortable, but they were fun and cheap, so no complaints (Dublin)
- The bus was bumpy, but I found they were nearly always on time, which makes a change from home (Dublin)
- Bus stop opposite Garden View. Very convenient (Belfast)

Coimbra:

- Public transportation is more expensive fro the students from Malta
- We could walk to the school

Athens:

- Lived way too far from hospital and school. 1 to 1 ½ hours each way (Bergen).

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	4						1	1		2	1			
2	6						4	7		2	5	1		
3	6		1				8			2				
4	3		4				5			1		1		
5			8				1							

6.2 transport:

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

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	3						10	3		4	2			
2	5						2	2		1	4			
3	5		2							2		1		
4	2		8					3				1		
5	5		3											

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	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	2						4	4			2			
2	4						9	4		1	3			
3	6		2				6			5	1	1		
4	1		2							1				
5	7		9									1		

Comments :

Haarlem:

- Food: more expensive from Porto (2x) and Malta (1x)
- Transport: very expensive Porto (2x), Malta (3x), more expensive Malta (2x)
- Social life: more expensive Belfast (1x); very expensive Porto (2x), Belfast (1x) Malta (4x)

Coimbra:

- Transport 3 x from Malta

Malta:

- Food: more expensive from: Haarlem (2), Ipswich (1), Dublin (2). Very expensive: Ipswich
- Depends on how extravagant you feel like being (Belfast)
- Imported food is quite expensive, as are meals out. Quality is not as good as home either. Self catering! (Ipswich)
- Great social life. Great food (Belfast)
- Buses very cheap, but some taxis are very expensive, especially from pacevill. The social life was very good (Belfast)

- Cost of living was generally the same as home, but going out and eating out is cheaper (Belfast)
- It is hard to find supermarkets, like we know in Ireland, but you get used to it very quickly. Paceville is an experience (not sure if its good or bad though!!) (Dublin)
- There is a lack of the "tesco" generation that is endearing in Malta. This does mean that you pay a little more for supermarket food than at home (Dublin)

Athens:

- food 1 x more expensive from Porto. Social life 1 x more expensive from Porto

Porto:

- Food, drinks, transport all much cheaper than home (Belfast)

Lund:

- More expensive for the student from Ipswich

7. Activities

Were there activities organized in which you could take part?

1 Social 2. Cultural

HA		EI		BE		IP		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU		BD		Tot
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	
20			1	12								13	6	8				7		6		2				
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	
19	1		2	11										8				7		4	2	2				

Did these activities meet your needs?

1 Social 2. Cultural

HA		EI		BE		IP		DU		TU		MA		CO		BF		AT		PO		LU		BD		Tot
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	
20			8	5								13	6	8				3	4	6		2				
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	
19	1		7	6								19		8				4	1	4	2	2				

Comments:

Haarlem:

- There could have been more activities organised to keep us occupied when not studying (but we managed to do lots of travelling)
- Students were good at organising things for us to take part.
- I must say that if it was not for the Dutch students, who gave us a lot of suggestions, also joined us, we would not have enjoyed our exchange as we did.
- We had several outings that were organised and they were enjoyable

Bergen:

- We arranged all travelling ourselves.(Belfast)
- There was only 1 social activity and one trip organised (Brussels)
- More social, and cultural activities organised by radiology department. There was actually not much to do as I expected from an Erasmus project. I thought we would do more with the Norwegian and Erasmussers (Brussels)
- More social activities would have been preferred. We were not really involved with much, or with other international students (Belfast)

Malta:

- The tours with Victor Zamit were great, not only did we do the tours, but he was great for giving us information on what else was to do outside of the tours as well as where to get great pastizzes. Students should not go to Havana club!! (Dublin 3x)
- These activities were great in order to get to know everyone and to see Malta (Belfast)
- The culture trips were excellent (Ipswich)
- I really enjoyed learning about the history and culture here. We had a great lecturer who really imparted his enthusiasm to us (Dublin)
- No social activities organised by Maltese students. Erasmus students found social activities though! (Belfast 2x = Ipswich)

- No official social activities were organised but we organised our own in conjunction with the Maltese students and all were great fun. The social aspect of Malta has been good for me, but I also think that for those who don't consume alcohol it would be less fun as a lot of the activities have involved alcohol (Dublin)

Athens:

- Social: negative from Bergen 2x and Dublin
- Cultural: negative 1 x from Dublin

Porto:

- Negative scores for cultural activities 2 x from Bergen
- The lecturers organised to go to football matches and the students invited us along in school nights out, meals and drinks

8: Problems

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

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y
15	5	3	10			19	8		7	6	2			

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

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y
5	15	5	8			18	1	8	3	4	6	2		

8.3 Did you experience any serious problem during the exchange?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y
6	14		13			8	11	8		6	6	2		

8.4 If yes, was the problem solved adequately?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y
5	1					8								

Comments:

Haarlem:

- Accommodation was a major problem from the start. Security was an issue, but it was taken care of.

Bergen:

- If there were problems, then you could ask Julia or somebody else (Brussels)

Malta:

- A friend of us had a problem one night and the teachers couldn't have been more supporting and caring to us. I really appreciated this.
- Paul and Jonathan are very helpful and approachable from the beginning if any help was needed for anything.
- Any minimal problems we had were dealt with brilliantly. We couldn't have asked for more help and support from the hosts and were very happy with it.

Athens:

- Could get help at international office, but it was closed most of our stay (Bergen)

Porto:

- Tutors gave us their phone numbers and insisted we call them immediately if needed to.

9. Funding

9.1 Did you receive ERASMUS funding?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y
20		13				19	8		7	6	2			

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

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD
YES												
6						6			5	1		

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:

- Having completed the Erasmus Exchange program, I can say that the last 3 months have been wonderful, and an experience that I would repeat given the opportunity. In Holland University is very modern and a well equipped place of study. I was very impressed at the overall impression of the university but especially the facilities available to the radiography / radiotherapy students. The workload was not hectic therefore we had time to explore the different cities in Holland as well as neighbouring countries. I improved my Treatment planning skills immensely and I learnt a lot in a very laid back environment. I wish to express how friendly and accommodating everyone has been both inside and outside the university. It has been great to get the opportunity to live with people of different nationalities from whom I learnt a lot and will remain friends with. The hospital placement was very interesting and gave me the chance to see procedures I would not see at home, for example IMRT and Stereotactic radiotherapy. The staff took a lot of time to explain the hospital procedures in English. The only one disappointment I have had on this experience was the accommodation. This was not great, however everyone pulled together and made it a home for the past 3 months. Thanks to everyone who made my stay in The Netherlands one to remember (Northern Ireland).
- My stay here in The Netherlands has been an absolutely brilliant experience. Every person I have met and came into contact with has been very friendly and very accommodating. In Holland university is a very modern and well equipped place of study, and both the staff and students have lived up to these expectations. The learning schedule was well thought out and was delivered to us in a very high standard. The topics covered were of great use and I have learned so much during my 3 month stay. The workload was not that hectic and so it gave me the chance to go exploring around the cities in Holland as well as the countries surrounding it. The hospital placement that was set up for us during the course was extremely useful and allowed for me to see brand new treatments and techniques. The staff in the hospitals were great to work with and did a lot to encourage learning by taking the time to explain everything in English. It was interesting to see the differences in the way the protocols vary from home. The nightlife of Holland was fantastic and somewhat cheaper compared to home, which was great! The Dutch students have been wonderful. They have made my stay here a very memorable experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thanks to all these people as it would not have been the same without them. (Northern Ireland).
- My three months placement in Holland was a great experience for me. Everyone was very nice and welcoming. The Dutch students in particular helped us greatly and without them my experience here would not have been as good. From studying in a new country and experiencing a different culture has provided me with a lot of insight and knowledge. The classes in In Holland University were very informative and my placement in the Hospital showed me how different and newly developed high tech modalities are being used. I have had a great time in Holland on my exchange and I would strongly recommend it. (Northern Ireland).
- I have had a great time at In Holland university, so much so that I don't want to go home. Everyone at the university looked after us really well, both inside and out of university. I have made many friends and will have fond memories of my stay in the Netherlands. (Northern Ireland)
- I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent at In Holland university. Everyone was really nice and made me feel very welcome. The Dutch students were especially helpful and we soon became good friends. The course at the university was not intense which was great as then we had time to explore the Netherlands, we got a week off mid-term and were able to travel to Paris, Milan and Brussels. I was able to improve my practical skills as the university has very good resources that at home we do not have. The university is also very modern. During my time here I have made lots of friends and will keep in contact with these people in the future. I would recommend the Netherlands for an Erasmus exchange as it is a great experience. (Northern Ireland).
- Taking part in the ERASMUS exchange has been a great opportunity to study in a new country and a different environment, it is a choice I am very glad I made. This experience has been brilliant, I have made so many new friends from different places and have enjoyed my time studying in INHOLLAND university. Our classes were well organised and well structured, I learnt a lot in a very laid back environment. The school is very modern with equipment to practise on – something I could not do at

home. The Dutch students and our lecturers were very helpful with all our queries and problems and made us feel very at home. We were very well looked after in and outside school and I will always have fond memories of my time here and everyone I met. It has been great to get the opportunity to live with people of different nationalities from whom I learnt a lot and will remain friends with. This whole experience has been fantastic and I wouldn't change any of it, it was a once in a lifetime experience. (Northern Ireland).

- The ERASMUS experience has been brilliant. I have learnt a lot about Ultrasound, an opportunity that I would not have had at home. The classes were well organised and not too stressful! The school is really modern and has lots of equipment to practice on. We were able to practice scanning on the ultrasound machines when we had spare time and the Dutch students were very helpful when we had any problems. By the end of 13 weeks we were able to scan the abdomen and were assessed doing so in a problem based learning format. It has been brilliant having the opportunity to live with people of other nationalities and also having the chance to travel round the Netherlands and visit Brussels, Milan and Paris on our week off. We spent 4 days on clinical placement, which was really good. Although it was sometimes hard when everyone was speaking in Dutch, it was good to see how a radiography department was run in another country. Although we were at first 'surprised' by the accommodation, we soon got used to it and thought of it as home, despite the mice! Overall the experience has been one I will never forget and would really recommend anyone to take the chance to take part in this once in a lifetime experience. (Northern Ireland).
- The last three months have been a wonderful experience. I have had the opportunity to meet and live with people from other countries, which has been really interesting. The Dutch people are very friendly and most have really good English. The university is fairly new and modern and has a lot of equipment that we do not have at our home institute. The Dutch students were extremely helpful and guided us from the start to the end. Without the students this experience would not have been as fun. The workload was not hectic therefore we had time to explore the different cities in Holland as well as neighbouring countries. The hospital placement was very interesting and gave me the chance to see procedures I would not see at home example IMRT and cone beam radiotherapy. The staff took the time to explain the procedures in English. The only drawback was the accommodation, which was very poor. We had mice for the whole three months there was also a break in the first night but the lecturers were very good and came out the next day and got us better security. But overall this really was a once in a lifetime experience and would recommend anyone to do it. (Northern Ireland).
- When I first arrived at INHOLLAND I was quite daunted by how modern and cool looking it was. However, I was soon put at ease by the friendly atmosphere and approachable staff. Geert was so much fun and made us have a good giggle doing the icebreaker. We also met Frank, who was absolutely lovely and very helpful. The university is extremely modern, and something to be really proud of. It seems to be very environmentally friendly and technologically advanced. This exchange has been one of the best things I have ever taken part in, I have met so many people from The Netherlands and from other countries, it is something I would definitely recommend it to others. The Dutch students that were helping us did more than enough and will really appreciate everything they did for us. Our time on placement was an eye opener as well and it showed us other technologies in use, and techniques not yet in use in Northern Ireland. The only thing I would say that their uniform was quite unprofessional looking. Overall, this has been fantastic experience and I will always look back at this time with very fond memories. (Northern Ireland).
- The past 3 months have been an incredible experience and have taught me a lot about how other Universities operate and how the Radiography programme differs from country to country. It seems completely different to how our home university operates, with the students here doing things a lot more independently. I think that this is good as it teaches self reliance and independence of thought, but at the same time I perhaps would have preferred more supervision for the practical aspects of the programme to ensure that I was doing things correctly. I have learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I think that the fact that the university is very lucky to have the equipment that they do as it allows the students to practice before they go into the clinical setting, and this is something that our university could benefit from. The 2 days on clinical placement were very informative as we were able to see new techniques such as IMRT which we don't have at home. This was very interesting but I found that the relaxed attitude of the department was very different to our department at home, and I didn't like the fact that the staff was not in full uniform – I think this looked quite unprofessional. Overall I think the experience has been great and I am very glad that I took part in the exchange. (Northern Ireland).
- My 3 months studying in Haarlem has been a brilliant experience. I really enjoyed the course content and the way in which it was taught. Geert was brilliant. The university was so modern and the equipment available for student use was excellent. Placement in the hospital I felt was very beneficial and very interesting. There was plenty of free time available for some sight seeing which was very enjoyable. The Dutch students were really nice, extremely friendly and helpful. I met lots of people and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. I bring home with me many memories that will stay with me forever. I really recommend ERASMUS exchange in the Netherlands. (Northern Ireland).
- The exchange was very much fun, 'im so glad I came, and it has been a very nice experience socially. The school programme however was very different from what I am used to from home, and a bit to lallyd back for my taste... we should have had more lessons and less self study, because it is very hard to learn about something you know nothing about when you have to teach yourself... The inholland

university is a school, which seems to have very very poor administration; all the students I have talked to (and people in the hospitals too) are very frustrated. By that I mean that things are not very logically organized, and far too often lessons are going to waste, for example when Dutch students are going to guide us in our classes but have classes of their own at the same time.... hello....? But when we did have classes, I learnt a lot, and I am really glad I have learnt all this. I just wish we had more classes. On the other side, since we had so much free time, we had lots of time to do fun things, things we really enjoyed. I would have chosen this exchange again, but the school-part could be improved. Thank you for everything (Norway).

- I am a bit disappointed of the organizing of the study and I did not learn as much as I expected to. There is too much self-study, and especially when the topic is almost totally new. When we first had a supervisor in our class I think the classes were good since we were able to ask for help and guidance, and LEARN. More placement would also be good. From the two days we had I learned a lot and I really enjoyed it! Also the laid back attitude and the few classes was very different from the system I'm used to from home. (Also an experience) Norway.
- The social side of the exchange has learned me a lot. Meeting, living and learning with and from each other. The exchange has also given me the opportunity to do and experience a lot of things that I would not have done if I did not go to The Netherlands. So I am very glad that I decided to go and I have learned a lot, even though not all of it is about radiotherapy. Thanks for letting me come! (Norway).
- It was a chance of a lifetime. I was lucky to have this opportunity. I'm sure I will never forget this exchange. First of all because I got to know a lot of nice people, and second because I managed to live 3 months away from home. Since in our country we are not used to live on our own, it was a great step in my life. Then I can't forget the school. In Holland is remarkable. I will never forget the school. There are all the necessities you need and most of them are for free. That was very good. Whenever we wanted to use internet, there was always a free computer. I was impressed by the amount of computers there are. Lectures were very interesting especially the way they were constructed. That is first the lecturer explained the theory then showed us the practical part and then we could do it on our own. It was nice that we could practice ultrasound on each other. That way we learnt more. We could compare images from books to images we did ourselves. We don't have that opportunity in Malta. As an accommodation I understood why it was not of high class. The price wasn't expensive, and like this we had the opportunity to live all together without anyone bothering us. We know from other students in other countries that they were split up into different homes. I'm sure they hadn't the opportunity we had to get to know all the other students from the different countries. Even though as a suggestion, I would have preferred living in Haarlem. It is more central. My overall impression is excellent. I will recommend this exchange to other students at home. Dutch people were very nice and very helpful, especially the 2nd year students. We felt at home, by knowing them. (Malta).
- The Erasmus exchange is a great unforgettable experience! It is a great way to meet and be friends with foreign students. You learn new cultural ways, language and ideas. It gave me an opportunity to learn how to be independent from your family and it makes you grow because you learn how to deal with things...normal living such as buying home and foodstuff all alone! You grow in your self, because you co habit with other people. The course wasn't hectic and for this reason we were able to visit the Netherlands and enjoy my self as a student! You can also compare the home academic life with the host institution. Gives you opportunity to see how different hospitals work (different from your home institution). The hospital staff was very helpful and caring and we really enjoyed it. On the whole it's an experience which you can't miss!! (Malta).
- This experience was such a wonderful experience which I surely never forget. This opportunity helped me to be more independent and responsible, as we are not used to living alone and moreover with other students. It was very nice to meet new students from various countries with different cultures and different educational systems. In my opinion In Holland University is a very good university, with professional teachers which are ready to help you at all times. In addition the Dutch students were very helpful in showing us around the Netherlands and in giving us important tips to enjoy to the full our stay. The idea of visiting other hospitals was great too. I surely recommend this experience to other students as I don't regret any minute spent during this exchange. (Malta).
- The Erasmus exchange programme in Holland, is an experience that I will surely not forget. The 3 months passed rapidly with prone and cons. The only problem was the accommodation, but the coordinator helped us, and we solved the problem. These 3 months were of great benefit to my educational and social life. I would suggest it to everyone, especially in Holland, as it is a lovely place and the MBRT staff and teachers are very helpful, like all the Dutch persons. (Malta).
- It has been three months since I got to Holland not much time but long enough were my first thoughts when I was back home weren't as I expected I thought people weren't this nice. In my opinion Dutch are great fabulous people very helpful. Regarding my scholastic experience was very good as I learned a lot of thing that I didn't know about ultrasound at least now I can go home and know what's going on during our examinations and being able to do them. I found the experience at the hospitals very interesting although the machines are very similar back at home and would have wanted to visit some more hospitals but it was great. Overall Holland was the perfect experience I found a lot of help from my principals and Dutch students they were very kind to us and had patience with us they showed us around I travelled to a number of places and I liked the lifestyle and culture. The accommodation was

good as well it was a good experience I will never forget I will visit Holland may be next year. It was great thank you a lot!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Malta).

- My experience was perfect, great, in any kinds of ways. I really liked to be in Holland, and particularly to be at the INHOLLAND University. When I had to make my decision of coming or not, I had to think twice, but now I know that I have made the right choice! First of all, the school is fantastic; it has everything we needed to study and to practice. The library is very actual and we can even search for everything we need, in the library online. The school has a lot of computers, more than enough for all the students. Secondly, the teachers use methods to make the lessons more enthusiastic and they are always able to help us. They try to have a good relation with all the students. Thirdly, the MBRT students are really nice, and we knew that if we had a problem, they would be always there for us. They planned a lot of events, social and cultural events, helping us to know Holland a little bit, and showing us how the Dutch people speak, act and what they do. Fourthly, the program had Problem Based Learning lessons that helped us to develop our independence on study and to make connections between the knowledge we had already and the new one. The program allowed us to see how hospitals work, and the differences between Dutch hospitals and Portuguese ones. The people there were very friendly and they were always worried about us, and trying to know how we practice in our own country. Last but not least, the accommodation...well, the accommodation was not what we were expecting. However, the environment at home, with all students from the MBRT or Radiology department made it a better place to stay. There was not any problem between us, and we tried to help each other to have everybody having a good time. I had such a great time in here that I did not see the time passing by...I only realized that the time had passed when we did our final exams...final...it is coming the end! To sum up, my only regret would be not having come! I only have to say thank you for everything to everybody! These programs are very good, and very helpful for the students to grow up in autonomy, and self-confidence. (Porto).
- I'm an Erasmus student from Portugal. When I made my inscription to do the Erasmus programme I was very afraid because I did not know if it was a good choice to do this programme either in this country or other. But, some day I did my last decision and I said: I'm going to Holland, and I believe that everything will be fine! So, when we arrived here, we did not know anything about the place that we were going to live for the next three months, but there was always somebody that wanted to help us (the Dutch students, the teachers and all of the other nice persons). I really liked the way that the lessons were, we could practice ultrasound on each other. The clinical placements, in Gouda and Purmerend, was a good experience as well, because I could learn more about the way that Radiology is performed in this country. My accommodation was not the best but all the of the Erasmus students from MBRT were in that house, all together every simple day. We had a lot of fun almost every day, because there was always a smile when we more needed. I can not forget every simple day that I passed in the Doppenberg Hotel. I went also to a lot of beautiful places in this country, and I learned more about the Dutch culture, that is just great. It is too hard for me to say what I really feel after three months in here, because I had a lot of things to talk about. And after this I just say that I made the best choice for myself. This was one of the more important experiences of my life, that I will never forget. Thank you for everything! (Porto)

Bergen:

- I like it very much and I love the country. I think they must organise more activities and I think they must give the students a little more money. I think that is also a chance for students with not so much money (Haarlem)
- I had a really good time. Beautiful country. We have seen a lot of things, which we organised mostly ourselves. School and practical placement were really good. Will come back during the summer (Haarlem)
- It was a beautiful country. We did a lot by ourselves. Went weekend to Oslo, skiing in Voss, Norway in a nutshell etc. They gave us the feeling that we were welcome. It is a little bit a pity that there was not a lot of excursions and when they were it was during school or practical placement, so we didn't have time to come (Haarlem)
- Norway was a fantastic experience and I am very pleased I took part in the exchange, bur Norway is a very expensive country and I was not aware of how expensive it was (Ipswich)
- Worthwhile experience/ <Met nice people and made good friends. Norway is a beautiful country, definitely a good choice. School and placement well organised and the people very helpful (Ipswich)
- This experience taught me a lot. How to better work in a group and how to deal with projects. I have learned also what are the main differences in radiography courses between Portugal and Norway in which concerns the classes and the practical placement. Everybody was very helpful and accommodating and I felt very supported in school and in the hospital. The thing I missed more was the social activities (Coimbra)
- It was good and I learnt a lot (Coimbra)
- Overall a good experience. Further development of social activity ad the language course would improve the exchange a lot (Belfast)
- Language in the hospital as very difficult to overcome. Met and lived with very nice people. Inadequate information regarding academic work and credit from home institution. Experience has been fine! (Belfast)

- It was very nice here. I learned a lot in the lessons and especially in the hospital. It was sad that the Norwegian language lesson was not good for our direction. But I learnt a lot Norwegian in the hospital. I love the country and the Norwegian people. They were all so friendly. If I had the opportunity I would definitely want to do it over and I would recommend to everybody. It is a once in a lifetime experience. I would come back, but then in the summer (Brussels)
- I found it a really nice experience. I learned a lot about myself and about people, other cultures, social behaviour. Also at practical placement it was nice to speak in another language and experience how they work in Norway, how they react with patients and how they make their pictures. Sometimes there wasn't much contact with Erasmus Norway students, there has to be more culture, social interaction. Even for me it was sometimes hard, because we weren't together with the other Erasmussers. We were living with real Norwegian in an apartment at the city of Bergen. That was a really nice experience, so we really learned more about Norway as a student between real Norwegians. But the contact with the other Erasmussers was not that good, it could be better. But still I had an amazing time here in Norway, the nature was amazing, so were the people. Sometimes bit negative experiences, but the positive overreached them. (Brussels)

Malta:

- I had a really nice time. Malta is very beautiful. I have seen a lot of the country. It was nice to see the differences between Malta and the Netherlands. I think that the group was too large. That is why we were not a very close group and everybody went his own way with their own friends. I have not learned that much from the placement, because the radiographers were not that nice and they did not want to teach you something, because you were there for only one week. I liked pharmacology very much and learned a lot in the classes (Haarlem)
- I have had a really nice time in Malta liked the classes except QA and the ones about health care. I have seen a lot from Malta. I do think the group was way too big this year. There were more groups especially the Irish and northern Irish people. I think 2 people from one country is better for the social part. I did not like the clinical placements, because the radiographers talked in Maltese the whole time and most of the time ignored me. I could not do anything, but they weren't explaining either. We learned about the IV's and that was very nice. (Haarlem)
- Good! Had a nice time here. Our lecturers, teachers and contact people were nice. They did a really good job. I knew that if I had a problem they could help me. The accommodation was OK, could have been better maybe, but the most important was that the whole Erasmus group was together in the same place. I would love to stay here for 1 month longer. The Maltese language course was a little hard, but OK. The Maltese culture lectures were interesting and it was nice to travel to the different cities (Bergen)
- I have had a really good time here on my Erasmus exchange. It has been interesting to see how radiographers work in another country and also to see the differences in equipment. I have also learned to speak English a bit better, because of this stay. Besides from the educational benefit I have made a lot of friends. I have also got to know a culture that is completely different from my own (Bergen).
- I really enjoyed working in this St. Lukes hospital. The people are very friendly and very professional. The hospital and equipment are passed their best, but the staff work extremely well with what they have. I have also learned a lot about radiography from working here. I know this will help me with my practice in the future. Malta itself is a great place full of culture. For myself I would love to research all of the churches as I find them fascinating. Many thanks to all the people I have met. They are good people and I hope to meet them again one day (Ipswich)
- Very good. Staff was very keen and helpful. It was very interesting to see the operation of radiology serviced in another country to learn about them in even more countries. In general it was very well organised in Malta. Overall it was very worthwhile. More students in England should be encouraged to take part (Ipswich)
- The Erasmus exchange to Malta has been a valuable experience for me. I have had the chance to socialise with other people from different nationalities and experience living in a different country. The organisation of the Malta institution is very organised. The accommodation is better than student accommodation in the UK, with good facilities of Internet, café, phones, gym. Accommodation is also in a good location for cinema/nightlife, football and 121 bar are the best places. Do not go to Havana! Overall I have valued my experience (Ipswich)
- I have loved every minute of this exchange. I really don't know why anyone would choose to stay at home. The Maltese people have been welcoming and friendly and we have been accepted into their lives. The university aspect had been brilliant. Clinical placement was completely different and much more student friendly than home. Lectures have been good. I really enjoyed learning language as per usual, but felt that not all my colleagues felt the same and as a result it was difficult to get as much as I would have liked from it. I thought we were probably more assessed than the other countries from conversation I have had. It was not an issue. From accommodation point of view, those in the larger accommodation who shared had older accommodation that was a little sparse. I think if decoration (couch covers, bed clothes) were a little more modern it would have been nicer to live in. But all facilities were up to standard. I never really what culture Malta and Gozo had to offer and I do think I have seen as much as I can fit in this time. The group has been larger than usual, but they have been wonderful and I am delighted to have shared this with them. It's been brilliant. I don't want to go home!! (Dublin)

- I vastly enjoyed my time in Malta, friendly people, good social life and many different conditions, illnesses, techniques and modalities that I enjoyed thoroughly learning about and observing. I would recommend participating in the Erasmus exchange to Malta to my fellow students (Belfast).
- Had a great time, it's been a real experience. The clinical experience was fantastic. I got to do all modalities, which I'd never got to do at home. Made some great friends here. Though I took to Maltese language like a lead balloon in water, the pharmacology was really interesting. The sight seeing was also pretty great. Those who shared an apartment with more than one other person had better apartments, than those who did. 2245 was however the biggest apartment even if it did have the salted water and worst shower. The school was really helpful with any problems we had. Would do Erasmus in Malta again? Yes!! (Dublin)
- I am delighted I came to Malta and have no regrets whatsoever. I think it is fantastic to live in such a nice country; everyone is so laid back and relaxed here. The accommodation in Garden view is a really good idea as we can mix with all other international students; as we don't get to spend much time in the university here. I think the Maltese are very friendly people. I would definitely like to come back here again. Overall the cost of socialising and eating out is a lot cheaper than home. We have everything we need beside our accommodation, shops, cinema, bowling, and nightlife. Overall my impression of Malta is very good. I hope to be back at some stage soon to visit it again. (Dublin)
- For me this was a great learning experience. I got to know so much about different cultures and people. I found that is really well organised and the lecturers were good and very approachable. I feel more confident after my stay here. I had previously never felt I was able to do a presentation, so I felt I have overcome this in a way. This exchange made me think of radiography on a wider scale, rich development and different practises. I found it interesting to learn how different the course is between countries. It annoyed me that my course in Ireland offers me the least responsibility. I found that is was great we were all living in the same complex, as I knew in Ireland. This isn't the case and the students wouldn't know each other as well. Once again, I found the people here to be very friendly and in the hospital you were treated more as part of the staff than as a student (Dublin)
- My overall impression of Malta and of the people I met is very positive. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I feel I learned a lot from my placement in St. Lukes, although the department was run very differently. I think the Maltese people have a much better approach to work than I have seen at home as they seem to enjoy their work more. They were also much more approachable and helpful from my point of view as a student. The social life in Malta has also been brilliant, much better than home and I will definitely miss it. The location of our apartments was also really good and we were also close to the town, bowling, shops and the beach. The only disadvantage I felt was getting around different beaches etc., as the busses were not always reliable. Overall I would love to do it again and would definitely advise it for students at home (Belfast).
- Overall I found the experience very beneficial, not only did I learn about other countries, health service, but I also identified potential problems in other countries that I can relate with back home. The placements were enjoyable and gave me valuable experience also, which I would have been limited back home. Ultimately, mixing with students from other nations has also given me an insight into many other cultures as well (Belfast)
- I have thoroughly enjoyed my three months here in Malta and it has been a wonderful experience. Apart from getting the opportunity to work within a very different clinical setting to home, I have got to learn about another culture, met people from many different countries and experience a different way of life. I would definitely recommend Malta for Erasmus and hope to return (Belfast)
- My overall impression of the Erasmus exchange in Malta was excellent! I could not complain about any aspect of it. The hospital is quite old, but the staff is friendly and we don't have to work long hours. I have made lots of new friends from the different Erasmus countries; also from Garden View and meeting different nationalities at my weekends. What I have gained from the Erasmus exchange: liver damage, leg muscles from the big mad hill up to St. Lukes. New friends, independence, become more adventurous as I want to continue to travel. I can now speak some Maltese, I have learnt about the culture of Malta and all the historical aspects. I have been to Gozo, I might go home with a slight tan. I would highly recommend the Erasmus program to everyone. It has been excellent and I will definitely return to Malta in the future (Belfast)
- This opportunity enabled me to further my education whilst meeting people from other countries, not only within the Erasmus program, but also in our accommodation, as it is very international. I have wanted to travel for a long time and I feel that this is an excellent program to enable cultural experience and communication skills to be gained. The relaxed and laid back attitude of the Maltese have made this an enjoyable experience, with the modules undertaken informative, but not too difficult for English speaking students, but maybe problematic for those who do not have English as first language. It has been refreshing to be in a country where so many people speak English and it has encouraged me to learn another language, as it is not necessary in Ireland. I love Malta and really am not looking forward to going home to the miserable rain and coldness of Northern Ireland.
- I definitely got a great experience. I came without doing any previous research about Malta and what I found out was: extremely different from what I am used to. Everything is different and quite hard to fit in. I was not even homesick. I just missed to feel myself as if I am at home. But HC and St. Lukes hospital welcomed us well and at last I knew that although there is nothing better than your own home and school and hospitals, still the experience is great. (Tartu, Estonia)

Coimbra:

- I learned a lot about CT and I enjoyed Portugal very much. It was a very nice experience (Haarlem)
- I have really enjoyed the Erasmus exchange in Coimbra. It fulfilled my expectations and I learned more about CT. I would really recommend it to other students. Over all it is a great experience (Haarlem)
- I really enjoyed staying here. If I had to choose again, I will choose again. Portugal and Coimbra. I learned a lot about CT. I also learned a lot from the CT essay and the presentation. It was a good practice for my final exam in Holland (Haarlem).
- The Erasmus exchange has been a lifetime experience and I have enjoyed it a lot. I have learned more about CT, which was the reason why I wanted to go in the first place. I now also learned more about Portugal and have seen the differences between Portugal and Norway (Bergen)
- I liked the Erasmus exchange in Portugal and would definitely recommend it to the next year students. The funding we got was more than adequate, considering the cost of living in Portugal (Malta).
- The overall experience was definitely positive, academically and culturally. I have learnt a lot about clinical practice in Portugal regarding CT, especially from the clinical placement which was the bulk of the academic part of the exchange. The classes were very interesting, although they should have been spread over a larger period of time so that more material could be covered and we would have time to absorb what was being taught. As regards to this my suggestion would be to cover the Portuguese language and Culture initially to give us the basic tools to communicate and then have the theoretical classes after. As a group I must say that we blended really well and that we have set the basis for a friendship for life. Thank you for this wonderful experience (Malta).
- Personally these three months in Portugal were awesome. For sure I will never forget what I have experienced here. I learned a lot about CT scan, anatomy and pathologies. I could observe different CT procedures and protocols. Also social and night life was great. Portuguese students are very welcoming and do their best to communicate and help. Cost of living is less than our home country. Thanks a lot (Malta)

Athens:

- Before I chose Greece to my exchange host country, a friend of mine who has already been in Greece before, told me that Greece is the best choice that radiography students can make as host country. After three months there I really have to agree with him. We have improved our knowledge, learning some new concepts about sensitometry and quality control, concepts that we never cared before that 3 months and now we know that sensitometry and quality control are two things very important to the correct work of a radiology department. Our coordinator there is really fantastic and takes care of us, also in "extra radiology" events. He booked a lot of trips, guided visits, sports events, night life events and a hand of more things that make that 3 months in Athens completely amazing and unforgettable. We did not have any problem, we had time for fun, time to learn, time to work and mainly we had time to explore the beautiful city/country full of variety. Mountains, snow, islands, beach, sun, fun, history... Believe me, Greece and TEI are the best choice you can ever make!! (Porto)
- After this 3 months the only thing that I can say is unforgettable!! Our coordinator was a wonderful and very nice person to us, he treated us like kings. Always checking everything for us, creating new activities and travels. I felt like I was at home, really. We had a really nice home with very good conditions (that our coordinator found for us) near to supermarkets and metro. We met a lot of new people from other countries. We shared experiences, values... In relation to classes it was all OK. We learned new things and different ways of working with the same good results. The support for us in the hospital was really great, always helping in everything and explaining all things. The most difficult thing for me and my friends was the language, that is very different from Portuguese. This is certainly an experience to remember for all my life. If I could I would have stayed more time. I will recommend Greece (Hellas) to friends that want to go on Erasmus. I want to give a lot of thanks to Mr. Panou and everybody else for all attention and patience with us from the bottom of my heart. Thank you!!! (Porto)
- My Erasmus was an unforgettable experience. I am very satisfied, because of my choice. Greece is a great country with fantastic persons. I never felt alone. Mr. Panou always cared about Erasmus students and gave us all information and help to have a good adaptation and be happy in a new country. I made friends, grew up as a person and learned new things. Classes were interesting and we could have practical experience at the hospital, where we had a good reception and support. Greece is a country with fantastic places to visit. My best regards to every person who shared their time and experience with us (Porto)
- I really enjoyed the Erasmus experience as it is an ideal opportunity to both live, study and work in a different culture for a short period of time. I think 3 months is the ideal length of time for the programme. The thing I did not like about the exchange was that there were very few other Erasmus students in the college. It would be great if we could have met up with other Erasmus students from different colleges within Athens. Athens is much different than Dublin in many regards. Almost everything is cheaper; public transport is an awful lot better and there is so much to see and to do. The language barrier can be awkward at times and some people have literally no English, but for the most part, especially the younger generation, spoken English is quite good and you only really need to know the basics in Greek. The college is very different from our college in Ireland, which is very spacious and new. College here is similar to a school and I got a shock when I entered to find everyone smoking. The Greek food was amazing and it is something I will really miss when I get home! Because the college was on strike for

nearly 3 months we had most of our lectures in the hospitals. Because of this we were told to meet somewhere, but never really told where we were going or what we were doing. This I found hard because I'd just arrived and it all seemed so intimidating. All in all though Erasmus in Athens is a fantastic opportunity. I am very glad I choose to come here as it really is a completely different culture. I would recommend it to everyone (Dublin)

- I found my time in Athens was a great learning experience in both life and radiography. I was amazed by some of the differences between hospitals in Greece and in Ireland especially in terms of patient care. I was glad I never ended up as a patient in Greece! However it was interesting to see the approach to different exams and I feel I learnt things which will benefit me in my career. The best thing about Erasmus was meeting so many new people and experiencing life in another culture. There are things I will miss and things I can't wait to leave behind (Dublin)
- Athens was great and most of the academic and clinical placement has been good. I missed more organisation when it comes to social happenings. There is a lot of Erasmus students in Athens all year around in other schools, but we were never introduced to other Erasmus students except from the ones in radiography. There is an Erasmus organisation here for all the Erasmus students that organises parties, trips and other happenings, but we did not find out about this before we had been here for 1,5 months and we found them on our own. But overall I had a blast!! Athens is lovely and I have got to meet a lot of new people (Bergen)

Porto:

- I found the exchange to be an excellent experience. I learnt a lot about Portugal, both culturally and medically. The coordinators were very attentive and made sure we were OK throughout our stay and organised event for us. The students also invited us along to social events. The cost of living here was very good and the excellent transport system made it easy to get around. I enjoyed greatly all practice experience, gained on clinical placement, which was a lot more than I would get at home in certain topic areas. Santo Antonio was disappointing, but I learned a lot from Hospital Sao Joao and Gaia. (Belfast)
- The Erasmus experience has been very positive. Porto is very cheap and affordable so it was a good choice. I have learnt more on the topics here in Porto (Women's studies) than I would have done at home. The staff at the university and hospital were very friendly and went out of their way to help us. Accommodation was reasonably priced and had all facilities we needed. Transport to hospitals was excellent as the metro system is very good and monthly tickets at student rates are available. University within walking distance. Students at the university were very welcoming and invited us out with them. The lectures and placements were delivered in excellent English, so the language barrier was minimal. (Belfast)
- Learned a lot about a different culture and way of living. Seen differences from Norway, both good and bad. Improved my English ...maybe... This exchange has been very good and I would recommend it to other students. Everyone has been very helpful! The classes have been very good and so has the practical placement. (Bergen)
- This exchange has been a great experience of another city, culture and way of living. I have also seen how different departments work in hospitals in Portugal, which has been very interesting. During my stay I have learned to be more confident, improved my English (I hope) and met a lot of nice and friendly people. Both classes and clinical practical placement have been good, but not too much, so we have had time to discover both Porto and Portugal (Bergen)
- I found this exchange excellent on both academic and personal level. I gained experiences, I believe I would not have gained at home, in areas I have yet to study at home eg. Performing mammograms. I also got to experience Portuguese culture and was able to travel much of Portugal during the Erasmus program. My tutors were always very friendly, accessible and helpful. That helped us both with academic queries and with questions about Porto as a city, such as transport, food, shopping, soccer etc. I also was able to make friends from other countries and was able to gain an insight into other cultures as a result. Summary: brilliant experience and Big thanks!!! (Dublin)
- I have enjoyed the Erasmus exchange in Porto. I feel I have benefited greatly from all aspects as I have learned about the clinical aspect of the topics we studied, learned about the Portuguese Health Care and the culture of Portugal in General. During my time in Porto I have also learned basic Portuguese and think I will continue to learn once I return home. The tutors that we had were very friendly and helped us to take the maximum benefit from our time here. They informed us to contact them if we ever had any problems and arranged for us to go different places ie football matches. I feel I have learned a lot and got a lot of practical, hands on experience – Thank you !! (Belfast)

Lund:

- This has been a growing experience for me. It has been interesting to live with students from all over the world, and have made many new friends. There has been some problem with the CT and MRI equipment, but I have learned a lot. I am particularly interested in MRI, so I was allowed to perform exams by myself (with some assistance if needed). I feel more confident in doing neuro examinations on both CT and MRI. I was well accepted in both the hospitals and school. I also want to say that the teachers at the university have been very kind and helpful and available when there has been a problem. The clinical placement, besides some equipment problems, have been interesting and I feel more

capable and more prepared for the working life. One slightly negative thing: The university administration was in charge of the student integration, so this resulted in that we did not have much contact with other radiography students, other than a short meeting at school and meeting other Swedish students in clinical practice, but on the other side we met students in every branch of education and from all over the world. So my overall impression of my stay in Sweden has been positive and rewarding (Bergen).

- I have had a very enjoyable exchange and I have found the Swedish people to be very nice and helpful, when they have got to know you. The position of the accommodation was brilliant and it was a comfort to be living with other international students. I have learnt a great deal about radiography in Sweden and about neuro MRI and CT. The costs of travel to and from Malmö is significant and students should be warned of this cost. Erna (lecturer) and the mentors in both hospitals were brilliant, very helpful and could not have done more to help us. I feel very lucky to have undertaken an Erasmus exchange in Sweden. I hope to come back here to visit.