### ERASMUS 2015/16 Wroclaw, Poland

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# **Before Mobility**

ERASMUS mobility a mandatory task of mine study faculty took off with details instruction regarding application procedures, which I found relatively easy and information provided by BTU-international office was very useful. Information was also made available through web (https://distributed-campus.org/btu-intercoach/). Once the application was accepted by Host University in my case Uniwersytet Przyrodniczy we Wrocławiu, Poland where I selected courses from The Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Geodesy. Host University took good care of ERASMUS students regarding accommodation. I was lucky enough to find a room at student dormitory ARKA, Where I happened to be familiar with some strict and unconventional regulation. Apart from this, it was cheap, surrounding (neat, clean and green) was favourable for students, near to the university and city centre.

## Arrival, Enrolment and Welcome Events

ESN played effective and responsible role in assisting me. Social media "facebook" was widely used for commutation. Most of essential information were posted on it nevertheless mentor was always available upon needed. I along with other ERASMUS students attended opening ceremony of the academic year 2015-2016. The ceremony was nicely choreographed. I really enjoyed the singing part even though I had no clue about polish language. To be honest speech and presentation was boring!!. After the ceremony delicious lunch was waiting for me and then my coordinator. The coordinator enrolled me the then current session.

## Living Cost

In contrast with other European countries living cost in Poland was relatively cheap. Since I was a student therefore in some cases there were special discount like in transportation. Living cost was 30% lower than the rest of European countries.

## **Free Time**

A lots of extra activities were organised by ESN to utilize free time like hiking, sightseeing, movie night etc are few to mention. I participated in some! Being indulged in those activities allowed me to establish good bonding with others. All credits goes to international office and ESN for organising those events.

**University, Departments and Courses** 



Courses taken by me consisted of lectures, a field-trip, a project and workshop which were interesting, new and related to my study field although due to time overlapping I had to do some minor changes. University is located in two different places but not far from each other. Due to lesser number of ERASMUS student some course were integrated with polish student. Professors and their respective department was excellent. I got all sort of genuine help and assist whenever I needed. I got an impression that extra attention was given because of being ERASMUS.

# At Last

ERASMUS made me familiar with different aspect of European life, how they differ from one country to another as well as broad my knowledge of European history, improve social skills and overall general knowledge. It was an extraordinary and marvellous experience meeting people almost from all corner of world. Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the staff of international office both at our and host university.



Fig.2 ERASMUS 2015/16 at Christmas Dinner