

Final Report – Research internship at the Lund University – Erasmus Funding

Tasks:

Regular meetings with colleagues at the institute: I participated in frequent meetings with colleagues to present and discuss my PhD project and research interests. These discussions provided valuable insights and helped explore potential collaboration opportunities with different research groups. It also allowed me to receive constructive feedback on my ongoing work and make necessary adjustments.

Completion of a conference paper with the hosting professor: I worked closely with my hosting professor to complete a conference paper on sufficiency-oriented product regulation strategies, which we plan to present at an international conference in Denmark this July. This collaborative experience was essential in refining my academic writing and understanding the preparation process for presenting research at a professional conference.

Drafting a research proposal for the third paper: I drafted a research proposal for my third academic paper on a comparative study on the repair sector in Sweden and Germany, which we intend to collaborate on in the upcoming months. The proposal outlines our approach, methodology, and objectives, and we aim to have the paper ready for journal publication by the end of this year. This task helped me develop my research planning and writing skills.

Conducting an initial literature review and stakeholder outreach: As part of the research process for my third paper, I conducted an initial literature review to identify key sources related to my topic. Additionally, I reached out to the first relevant stakeholders, including visiting local repair shops, to collect first expert opinions and information. This was a crucial step in shaping the theoretical and methodological framework and ensuring that the paper would be grounded in current research and market trends.

Attending relevant lectures at the institute: To enhance my knowledge and improve my research, I attended several lectures at the institute that were directly relevant to my field of study. These lectures not only expanded my academic understanding but also provided insight into the teaching methods used at the institute, which was valuable for my own development.

Participation in a conference organized by the institute: I attended the international SCORAI conference organized by the institute, where I presented the current results of my dissertation to an international, expert audience. This was a significant opportunity to share my work with a wider audience, receive feedback, and improve my presentation skills. I also participated in various workshops during the conference, which enriched my experience and provided further learning opportunities.

Skills obtained:

Knowledge sharing in an international environment: Through the interactions with colleagues from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds, I learned how to effectively share and exchange knowledge in an international research setting. This experience enhanced my ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and engage with researchers from different fields.

Presentation skills: Presenting at the conference and discussing my research with various stakeholders significantly improved my presentation skills. I learned how to tailor my presentations to different audiences, manage time effectively, and respond to questions and feedback in a professional manner.

Research design skills: Throughout the internship, I gained valuable experience in designing and conducting research. From drafting proposals to conducting literature reviews and reaching out to stakeholders, I refined my ability to develop a solid research framework and implement appropriate methodologies.

Useful contacts for future research: I received valuable suggestions for potential interview partners for my next study. These contacts will be essential in gathering more expert opinions and data.

Language skills: Since our working language was English, I had the opportunity to improve my language skills also in an academic context.

Evaluation:

Hosting institution: The hosting institution was very supportive and provided extensive feedback on my research. We dedicated significant time for regular exchanges, which allowed for in-depth discussions and the exploration of potential collaborations. This collaborative atmosphere greatly contributed to my personal and academic growth. The internship met my expectations in every aspect. The tasks were both interesting and aligned with my research goals. I found the experience to be enriching.

Recommendation for future exchanges: I would highly recommend this institution for future exchanges. They made a strong effort to integrate me into the team and provide constructive feedback on my work. The supportive and collaborative environment made it an excellent place for professional experience, and I felt truly valued as part of the team.