Erasmus Mobility Trave Log

I have completed my Erasmus exchange in last semester, which from February to July 2017, with host university Groningen University in Netherlands. That was great experience and I had wonderful memory with the study there.

The reason I choose Groningen is because the high reputation of the university. My home university, Corvinus University of Budapest has cooperation with Groningen University which provide the double degree program for students. Unfortunately that I am not qualified to participate double degree program, but still I would like to study with Groningen for one semester.

Groningen is a very beautiful small city located in north part of Netherlands, about 4 hours from Amsterdam by train. There was a team of student from university to pick up new coming students in airport, they gave the guidance for buying train tickets, the way to university and useful apps. They are very friendly and gave me a warm starts day in Netherlands. The university is very nice and clean, offered all useful facilities to students and provided all guidance for new student about registering the courses, introducing the usage of student cards. Everything is very convenient and easy to get know the way to starts my study.

The most impression thing for me is the Groningen University offered all kinds of workshops and learning communities beside normal courses. I participated several workshops about career guidances and learning community to complete a whole project with one local company. Those activities did not take too much time, but gave me lots of practice chances. During those workshops and learning communities, I worked with students from different countries, at same time, we came from different academic background as well.
The course setting in Groningen is quite different with other countries, it gave me lots of pressure to study at very beginning. It takes time to suitable with new structure and requirements. Groningen offered very high quality education, every course has been taught like main course and all students have been tread as the same. It was very challenge for me as well, since most of courses I have to learn are not in my study field, but still I have to study them with professional students.

Groningen dose not only have very international students, there are also international lecturers. I had profession from Asia, Africa and Europe. They are all very professional in their fields and they have lots of working experiences in international companies as well.

It was great experience to do exchange, as a student to see different education style, courses structures, it will be very important for future study and work.

The suggestions for further students who want to participate exchange program will be, 1, Clarify all the processes before leaving home university. 2, Keep in touch with the responsible teacher in both home and host universities. 3, Be safe in new environment. 4, Experience more local activities in host university. Exchange program is just a short period in host university, but the wonderful memory will be not forget.