



Afterwards...

THE NETHERLANDS, EINDHOVEN

PREPARATIONS

- ✘ Repeating English grammar and vocabulary
- ✘ Consultations with International department
- ✘ Getting a visa to The Netherlands for only one reason: without that visa you can't get any residence permits
- ✘ Relaxation and slacking off mostly



PREPARATION(CONT.)

- ✘ Planning the trip and buying tickets
- ✘ Taking the final consultations with the International department assignee before leaving

ACCOMMODATION

- ✘ Vestide is the best agency in Eindhoven, but also the most expensive one
- ✘ In your room you can find everything needed for a short stay (5 months)
- ✘ At least in my room was a balcony, also in the kitchen was another one
- ✘ I had only two neighbours
- ✘ In flat is a so-called free Wi-Fi network. But, I highly recommend you to use a LAN cable for communication by skype

ACCOMODATION(CONT.)

- ✘ There was no equivalent plug for Finnish electricity range-cookers. Also there was no oven.
- ✘ In the flat was a washing machine
- ✘ The rent payments don't differ from Finnish customs. You can use internet bank for paying the rent.

STUDIES

- ✘ The first day in Fontys was not so hard, as it can seem. It's kind of a big presentation what they have and what you can do in uni/your free time etc. You, probably, will meet your future classmates.
- ✘ The first week is, actually, the hardest one due to getting a great deal of information. Sometimes your brain won't work because of the "stack overflow" unhandled exception, speaking in programming terms =) Most of that information you'll forget anyway.
- ✘ Exams are the main question. It depends on the teacher in which way exams will be arranged.

STUDIES(CONT.)

- ✘ In some exams you can use a book, in some – you can't.
- ✘ The best way to get an excellent mark is doing all assignments required.
- ✘ Don't skip any subjects. You're supposed to think about the entire course before going abroad ;)
- ✘ In my case, we had three big projects. One of them was mostly about doing a nice looking documentation than about programming. But still it's a very useful to know a kind of knowledge about that.

STUDIES(CONT.)

- ✘ The operating systems course, in my opinion was more interesting than others. But you can disagree with me.
- ✘ The hardest one was a C# project course. Only because of documentation.

STUDIES(CONT.)

- ✘ Watching movies in English and learning the new words in the process of the being in school and doing the homework.
- ✘ If you want to gain new knowledge, you'll spend about 4 hours per day only for studying at home.
- ✘ Programming, programming, programming...

SOCIAL LIFE

- ✘ When your neighbour is from a country with another custom concerning, e.g., day/night rhythm, than you are used, you'll get a social life
- ✘ Walking around the city, visiting interesting places, night clubs, bars
- ✘ Parties, football, Hockey world championship...
- ✘ Famous carnaval. During entire week people just drink, dance and do nothing
- ✘ I highly recommend to visit a queen day event (the 30th of April)

FREE TIME

- ✘ I don't see any difference between social life and free time, to be honest. I presume, that only activity can be your free time – sleeping as long as it possible and doing absolutely nothing

FOLLOW-UP

- ✘ It was the hardest part for me. I was feeling a bit strange after the exchange, like something is gone and will never return.
- ✘ Working. Yes, I got a job.
- ✘ Trying to do something else, not only job
- ✘ Travelling to Turku by car. Next time I'll take a train or I'll use a plane.

THE END

Thank you for reading the presentation. I hope, you got some helpful information. Enjoy your stay in Eindhoven, if you are about to go there.

