

# EINDHOVEN AUTUMN 2008

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# 1) PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THE EXCHANGE PERIOD

- We booked flying tickets from Ryanair
  - It is cheap
  - It flies to Eindhoven Airport
- Accommodation: Vignolaweg 6
  - Dormitory
  - Approximately 3 kilometres from center
- Insurance
  - Was arranged by Oulu University of Applied Studies

# APARTMENT



## 2) PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE EXCHANGE PERIOD

### ⊙ Apartment

- 500 €/month, relatively big

### ⊙ Price level in Netherlands:

- Food and drinks are cheaper than in Finland
- Clothes share same price rate

### ⊙ Fontys Hogescholen

- Study program was Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Level of studies: Quite challenging and requires much work

# FONTYS HOGESCHOLEN



# Courses in Fontys 1

## **System Development 1 & 2 (4 ECTS)**

These courses were about System Analysis and Design. Teacher was clear and he had great sense of humor. For every lesson we did group work and presented it in front of the class.

## **User Interface Design (2 ECTS)**

In this course we got a chance to design our own system and develop clear and easy interface for it. Teacher was really supportive.

# Courses in Fontys 2

## **ITE (1 ECTS)**

Course introduced us into the world of telematics. Teacher spoke really clear english.

## **NET (2 ECTS)**

This was an extension course to ITE. We had lot of practical work in computer class. I think in this course we learnt the most important and useful skills.

### 3) ENCULTURATION, ENTRY AND RE-ENTRY (RETURN) SHOCK

- ◉ Dutch people are a lot friendlier than us
  - "Alles well?"
- ◉ Most scooter drivers don't use helmet while driving
- ◉ Gym, spinning

## 4) DESCRIPTION OF ONE INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER/INCIDENT DURING YOUR STAY

### ○ Biking and bicycle seizing

- In the Netherlands people use bikes more than anywhere else
- Bike thefts steal yearly over 700 000 bikes
- I locked my bike to bike rack with chainlock from my front wheel. That was a mistake because when I came back, I saw that my front wheel and lock was still there, but rest of the bike was gone

# BIKES IN SCHOOL



## 5) VALUE OF THE EXCHANGE PERIOD TO YOUR INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE AND LEARNING

- ◉ Improvement of language skills
  - Education was in english
- ◉ Learning different kind of life style
- ◉ Learning to value Finnish culture differently
- ◉ Finding out lots of new countries and different cultures
  - Dutch, Italian, French...

## 6) TIPS TO PEERS PLANNING ON GOING TO THE SAME PLACE

- ◉ Broodje versus dürum
- ◉ Take courses held by Mr. Marco Dorenbos
  - Great teaching methods
  - Friendly and supportive
- ◉ Buy good bike and better lock
  - Cycle ways are great and take you everywhere
  - Bike theft is professional



THANK YOU  
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