

2018-2019**Report 1**

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	History

destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
name university abroad	Eötvös Loránd University
start date	01 / 02 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 07 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

You are requested to write on the following topics. Text boxes will expand automatically while typing!

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	Please consider the time it will take to collect all the necessary documents. If you need help, send an e-mail to the Student Office, they will get back to you very swiftly.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	Very good. They responded really swiftly on the questions I had, and even helped me with questions about my study program not directly related to Erasmus program.
academic preparation	
	Not necessary
language preparation	
	No preparation needed. The level of English of Dutch students is more than sufficient for the Hungarian education system
finances	
	I applied for the Erasmus grant and the supplement for public transport. This is sufficient.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	Interesting courses. If you are interested in the history of Central Europe/Hungary, ELTE has some nice courses to offer. I learned a lot about this part of Europe I didn't know before
academic quality of education activities	
	If you want to be academically challenged, you should pursue this on your own. The teachers are helpful and want to supply you with extra information, if you want to learn more. I could recommend doing this, because the level of the courses is not very high in general.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

Chaotic but friendly. The International Office is extremely overburdened but easy to access. You know for sure they will help you, but sometimes you have to wait in line for a long time. Reaching your teachers for a signature is different and pretty difficult. Make sure to start collecting your signatures early on, and don't hesitate to look them up in person. They are very friendly, just a bit chaotic.

transfer of credits

Most courses were 6 ECTS, so I had to take 5 history courses in order to have my obligatory 30 ECTS. This is ver

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

On the welcome day, you get to meet your fellow students, and on this day, I actually made the friends I hung out with the rest of the semester. A big orientation programme is lacking when you come to Budapest for the Spring Semester, but I believe this is different for the Autumn semester.

accommodation

I didn't use Facebook, but I used the German site WG Gesucht. I can recommend this site, because the apartments are much cheaper than the ones that private companies offer. And you get nice German roommates :)

leisure & culture

Great! Budapest has so many different interesting historical sites, museums, parks, clubs and bars. Life really happens outside, especially when you come to the city during nice weather (Spring semester)

suggestions/tips

Give learning the language a go, it is a beautiful language, and life in Budapest will be easier even when you just know "thank you", "hello" and "goodbye".

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

For sure! Budapest is an extremely interesting, culturally rich, vibrant city.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Budapest can be very windy/rainy all of the sudden, so pack some warm clothes even if you come for the Spring Semester.

Report 2

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Dutch Language & Culture

destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
name university abroad	Eötvös Loránd University
start date	01 / 02 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	22 / 06 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

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PREPARATION
exchange application process
The whole process of applying for a semester abroad starts quite early advance of the actual semester. This is actually quite nice because the whole application and administration can take up quite some time, especially to get in contact with the receiving university
counselling & support at Utrecht University
I experienced that the International Office was a great help in the whole preparation, which can seem chaotic. Whenever I was having difficulties with any step in the application process, I could always contact one of the staff members of the IO through e-mail or by going to the office. I have always gotten help very quickly and this was very reassuring.
academic preparation
I didn't do any specific preparations for my stay abroad in Budapest. I wouldn't say that it is required for ELTE university.
language preparation
As ELTE university offers courses in English, you only have to take a language test to see whether your English is sufficient. In my case it was, so then there's no further action needed.
finances
When I applied for the semester abroad I had to make a financial plan that gave me a rough idea of my finances for the semester abroad. I did make my monthly loan a bit higher the months in advance and during to have some financial back-up. This was nice because I took quite a lot of trips, which can be a bit more expensive. Living in Budapest is quite cheap so I wouldn't say you need a lot of savings for a semester there.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
I followed some courses at the Department of History which was a part of the Humanities faculty (called 'BTK'). To be honest: prepare for a bit of chaos. Compared to Utrecht University it's a big mess considering the administration. There was no course catalogue, a lot of courses filled up really fast because they only have space for a small amount of students and it took a long time to definitely register for my courses.
academic quality of education activities
The academic quality was rather low in comparison to Utrecht University. Very little preparation was required, very little articles/literature was given and the test or paper in the end was graded 5/5 regardless the content or quality of it.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
This was okay. The International Office tried their best to help you and they were always very nice, but especially in the first weeks they couldn't really handle it well.
transfer of credits
I can't write on this yet because I just got home and this all needs to be processed still

STUDENT LIFE

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

welcome & orientation programme
There is an Introduction Week at ELTE but ESN ELTE is not really active when it comes to organising a lot of introduction activities. Luckily there are other organisations to make sure that there is enough stuff to do and events to go to. You can always be proactive and find activities to do yourself, of course. Everyone wants to do stuff in the first weeks so it's easy to find things to do.
accommodation
It is not hard to get a room in Budapest in the city centre for a reasonable price (especially in comparison to Utrecht prices). A lot of rooms are offered on Facebook and most of them are trustworthy.
leisure & culture
Budapest has so much to offer, there is always so much to do and see. Apart from the fact that the city is beautiful on it's own, there's a lot going on regarding night life and culture.
suggestions/tips
There's too much to all go in to detail right now, but I would recommend International's Night at Morrison's 2 Klub on Monday night.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
The destination definitely, the university not so much. The city was amazing and has given me so much good experiences. The university was not very well organised and I did not learn a lot from the courses I took.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Start in time with all your preparation and don't panic because everyone wants to help you regarding you having a good Erasmus.

Report 3

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permission to publish contact details** <i>See end note for * and **</i>	optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)
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level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Dutch language and culture
destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
name university abroad	Eötvös Loránd University
start date	03 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

end date	01 / 02 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
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PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	Went smoothly. I did have to hand in my Learning Agreement a second time due to changes.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	Through Emmeline Besamusca who helped me with finding the internship.
academic preparation	
	I already did my minor in the History department of UU so I felt comfortable taking classes in the History Department in Budapest.
language preparation	
	The Erasmus language test.
finances	
	I worked over the summer and my parents chipped in.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	I did elective courses in the History department and had mixed experiences. Some teachers were great, others were late or did not respond to e-mails.
academic quality of education activities	
	Overall lower quality than in Utrecht.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
	The counselling hours were overcrowded so I didn't really dare to go.
transfer of credits	
	Nothing important happened.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	
	The whole first week was orientation week. What they did during that week could have been done in one day. I was nice to take it slow though the first week and explore the city.
accommodation	
	I found my room via a facebook group. It was fine but not really in the city centre.
leisure & culture	
	Amazing! A city with almost three million inhabitants never sleeps.
suggestions/tips	

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

The Jewish quarter.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
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Yes! Budapest is a wonderful city and though the university was a bit chaotic at times, I haven't had a bad experience in general at all.

do you have any additional advice or comments?
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The Hungarian course for Erasmus students was really fun to take.

2017-2018**Report 1**

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	English Language and Culture

destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
name university abroad	Eötvös Loránd University
start date	03 / 09 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	04 / 02 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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PREPARATION

exchange application process

The process was a bit confusing for me, there were many things to consider and many forms to fill out. Luckily, the international office at the UU was very helpful, the international office at ELTE less so, since there was only one guy handling all incoming Erasmus Humanities students. However I found ELTE to be quite lenient. Even though courses and credits may be very vague or nowhere to be found before going to Budapest, many professors will gladly accept you in your classes take (they love Erasmus students) and they can be very flexible about the amount of credits.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

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academic preparation

n.a.

language preparation

Older Hungarians often don't or refuse to speak English, so it might be wise to learn a few words before going to Budapest.

finances

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

Budapest is much cheaper than the Netherlands in terms of restaurants, bars, accomodation and transport. You could go out for dinner for 5 euros. Drinks were half the price of drinks in the Netherlands. A monthly transport pass for students was 11 euros.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I enrolled into four courses (but decided to drop one English course by a phd student due to lack of interest and), three English literature courses and a Hungarian language course. There are so many different courses to choose from in the English and American department, thus there is obviously some sort of difference between the quality of the courses. Some courses are even given by phd students, which is very cool because their courses are about a small niche in literature they love and want to discuss. However, they may not be as proficient in English or good in teaching as some of the older professors who have been teaching for years. The courses I took and loved are: Utopian and Political Literature (by Czigányik Zsolt) and Reading Shakespeare (by Csikós Dóra). Useful site to find courses: <http://seas3.elte.hu/seas/catalogue.pl>

academic quality of education activities

The academic level was a bit lower than what I'm used to. Classes feel more informal. Teachers tend to talk more since many students don't speak up. Furthermore, the courses are very flexible. For instance, teachers may ask you what you want to read for the course or may give you the option to choose between a home essay or an in-class essay or they may give you the opportunity to choose whether you would like to do a presentation or not.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Not much and it was not very clear. You can have a mentor but you need to take action yourself to get that.

transfer of credits

Credits are very unclear, it really depends on the teacher. They may give you more credits than displayed on the website.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Join the welcome programme of ESN ELTE! It only lasts a few days, but this is the place where you'll make friends. You will see these people show up at every ESN event and you'll have fun with them throughout the whole semester. Sign up for events once they show up, because they will get full. Don't be afraid to go alone to an event, everyone is alone in the beginning. You could also join events by Erasmus Life Budapest or ESN Corvinus.

accommodation

Good and cheap accomodation is easy to find, there are many Facebook group for this. It will cost a bit less than in Utrecht. There are also dormitories where you barely pay anything, but you will sleep with multiple people in one room. Look out though, prices may vary a lot, since there are landlords who have been raising the prices each year, due to the increase of international students.

leisure & culture

Budapest is a metropolis with people from all over the world. It is such an exciting city with so much to do and so many amazing places to explore.

suggestions/tips

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

Pub quizzes, ruin pubs, cat cafes, board game cafes, language exchange events, Mondays in Morrison's 2, free concerts at Gólya.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Absolutely! You won't get bored of this beautiful city. I fell in love with it and I'm sure you will as well. You will also learn much about Hungary and other countries all over the world. Such an eye-opening experience.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Report 2

Faculty/college:	Humanities
Level:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> master <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> other
Name degree programme:	Media en Cultuur

Destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
Name host institution and/or company/organisation	Eötvös Loránd University
Purpose of exchange	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> study/courses <input type="checkbox"/> work placement <input type="checkbox"/> field work <input type="checkbox"/> other
Departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)	29-08-2017
Return date (dd/mm/yyyy)	25-01-2018

Preparation

Exchange/placement application process:

It took some time to go through all the possible universities and to check what kind of courses these universities offer for internationals, but once you know where you want to go you can prepare everything. It is some work but I recall it was less work than expected.

Counselling/support at home university:

The UU, especially the International Office Humanities, guides you through the process and lets you know every step you have to take. Also with questions they answer rather quickly.

Academic preparation:

I think I didn't have to do any academic preparations.

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

Language preparation:

There was no preparation needed since I took the courses in English. I did learn a few basic words of Hungarian before I left, but I did not much with the language in Hungary itself. I do recommend learning some Hungarian if you go to other places in Hungary, because no one speaks English there.

Finances:

I got a (small) Erasmus grant from the UU and loaned some money myself. Hungary is a cheap country, but Budapest can be more expensive than you think. And with the amount of travelling I did, it still cost me more (or the same) than I would normally spend in the Netherlands. Budapest is oriented on tourists so the centre is for Hungarians really expensive. If you go to another part of Budapest it gets way cheaper. The same thing with travelling, because some surrounding countries are more expensive than others.

Study/placement abroad period

Study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues):

I had a lot of issues with the administration. The receiving institution did not respond well on my emails and I did not know which courses I could take until I was in Budapest due to the website not being up-to-date or the courses for internationals were not displayed properly.

Academic quality of education/placement activities:

Compared to the UU I thought the courses were not that time consuming and it was rather 'easy' to do the assignments and keep up with the planning in order to travel. Also, I think some lecturers were satisfied more quickly with your work than the lecturers from the UU would be. I definitely learned new stuff, but I would not want to do my complete bachelors in ELTE. (At least not in my department)

Counselling/support at host institution/organisation:

Whenever they could help they tried, although it could cost some time before they answered an email or solved the problems.

Transfer of credits:

I have delivered my grades to the 'Examencommissie', but have not gotten a response yet. The credit system in Hungary is different than in the Netherlands and ranges from a 1 to a 5.

Student life

Welcome/orientation programme:

This was another problem since my faculty or field did not have an orientation programme whereas I heard from other faculties and study programmes that they did have an orientation programme. I disliked this because a lot of people already made friends during this week and I did not know that much people yet. Fortunately there are multiple organisations like ESN, ELB etc. that organise parties, trips, introduction days that you can join in order to meet new people!

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

Accommodation:

I did not have trouble with finding a room in Budapest and ended up, via Facebook, with a room in a huge apartment and a perfect location. Everyone I knew had gorgeous apartments in mostly good locations so it's easy to find something good. The university also provides some rooms in dormitories but I heard nothing but bad stories about these, because they can be really crowded and far away from the city centre.

Leisure/culture:

There is so much to do for in Budapest. It is full of culture and gorgeous architecture and there are plenty bars/café's and clubs to have a good time. The city is always lively and I have met a lot of open-minded (international) people in the city.

Suggestions/tips:

Go out, meet new people, make some contacts, do things you wouldn't normally do, try the local food and drinks, discover the whole city including the outer parts, discover more places/cities in Hungary because Budapest is different than most Hungarian places. I know it's hard sometimes but try to meet some Hungarians as well, they are really cool (also outside of Budapest)!

Conclusions

Would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? Please explain:

In my case there were a lot of things going wrong with the administration, communication and subscribing to courses. I noticed that Hungarians are less strict in these kind of things than we are used to in the Netherlands. On top of that, I didn't think I learned that much new information, but I also heard from other studies that they did have a lot to do and to learn. Therefore, I (personally!) would not recommend ELTE, but I do recommend Budapest!

Do you have any additional advice or comments?:

Erasmus is the best time of your life, enjoy!

2016-2017**Report 1**

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Engels taal & Cultuur
destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
name university abroad	Eötvös Loránd University
start date	05 / 09 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

end date	03 / 02 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
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PREPARATION
exchange application process
The exchange application went slowly. The support at the UU was great, the international office helped me with every question. However, at ELTE communication was not good. I didn't know which courses would be available and the credits were nowhere to be found.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
Did not use
academic preparation
none
language preparation
none
finances
Very clearly organised

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
The study program as mentioned above was not very clear, however this issue solved itself while in the first week of my exchange as we had a meeting with coordinator and all incoming mobility students, which made clear our choices.
academic quality of education activities
The academic level was a bit lower than at the UU. This was to be expected. However the courses were well organised and interesting to follow
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
As mentioned above. The coordinator was very helpful and would go out of her way to help you.
transfer of credits
No issue

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The ESN chapter of ELTE was lacking. However there was an alternate society, Erasmus Life Budapest, who organised a lot of fun activities.
accommodation
Decent student housing, not hard to find appartments, same price as Utrecht/
leisure & culture

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

Amazing. Budapest is a world city and it shows. There is much to do at anytime of the night or day.

suggestions/tips

Ruin bars are amazing, Erasmus life parties are not to be missed. The city is really worth your time. Summer is amazing

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Yes. Great student life for people who want to party, great culture. Lots of people from different nationalities. REally an eyeopening place to live with amenities open 24/7

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Be careful. MAny appartments have bedbugs!

Report 2

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Language & Culture Studies

destination city & country	Budapest, Hungary
name university abroad	ELTE
start date	06 / 02 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	07 / 07 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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PREPARATION

exchange application process

You have to arrange a lot, so you really have to be prepared for this and don't miss the deadlines.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Very good.

academic preparation

I think this depends on your destination, but in my case it was enough. The academic level in Hungary is lower than in the Netherlands.

language preparation

Enough.

finances

For me it was good. Budapest is cheap.

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
Difficult to choose your subjects because there isn't a lot of information available.
academic quality of education activities
Not the same as in the Netherlands, different type of teaching. But I learned a lot and really enjoyed it.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
Not everything is that clear, but it is okay.
transfer of credits
Not so professional and not digital, but it worked.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
Clear, handy and fun.
accommodation
You have to arrange this yourself, but it's not that hard to find a place in Budapest.
leisure & culture
Free every Friday and a lot of time to discover the city and the rest of Hungary. Budapest is amazing and also other places in Hungary. Its another culture but not shocking.
suggestions/tips
Go with the flow in this country, because it's not that strict as in the Netherlands. Don't worry.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, I would really recommend this university and destination. The city is awesome, the university is nice and it's easy to find a place to live. Budapest is full of culture, nice thermal baths and good places to go out.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
No

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)**2015-2016****Report 1**

faculty/college	Utrecht University
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Language and Culture studies

PREPARATION

exchange application process

It took some time after my application before the international office in Budapest contacted me. Most of my friends had already received an email with the application details in april, but I still hadn't received an email at the end of May. I mailed the international office and i got a reply very soon that it was not a mistake. It just takes a lot of time because the international office in budapest is runned by only one person.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

When is was worried that someting had gone wrong with my application in Budapest, the internaional office in Utrecht helped me out by contacting the international office in Budapest.

academic preparation

language preparation

I didn't do any language preparation. ELTE offer a lot of courses in English and I chose not to learn Hungarian because it is a very difficult language. But in case you are thinking about Hungarian language classes; ELTE offers a special Hungarian course in the summer. It is also possible to attend Hungarian courses during the semester. You can find more information about those courses on ELTE's website.

finances

I had heard that Hungary is a really cheap country compared to the Netherlands, but during my stay in Budapest I spende more money than I would in the Netherlands because I traveled a lot in the weekends and went out for dinner and drinks more often than in the Netherlands.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

It can be difficult to find the humanities courses that are in English because they are all on different websites. I attended courses at the English department and the Media department.
In the admission email that the international office sends you, they will tell you where to find the available courses as well.

academic quality of education activities

The studyload was quite low and we did not have a lot of contact hours (only 1,5 hours once a week per course). I did, however, learn a lot because of the different perspectives in class. I attended a course about Hungarian history where i learned a lot about the everyday life in a socialist country. Another class I was in was about how enemies and allies are formed. Here I learned a lot about the perspectives of 'not western societies' on America and western Europe.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Hungary - Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)

The international office and all of my teachers responded very quickly if I emailed them with questions. The only difficulty I had was when I had to meet with Sandor Balaci (the international office). Because he runs the international office on his own he is always busy and not always in his office. But most of the time when I had to meet him he was there the first or second time I came by his office.

transfer of credits

At ELTE they work with a gradingscale from 1 to 5(5 is the highest grade). At the end of the semester I had to go to all of my teachers to let them fill in the Transcript of Records. This transcript states my endgrades and ECTS. As far as I know, these results will be added to my studyresults in Utrecht.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

ESN ELTE organised different activities to get to know the city and the other erasmusstudents. They also work with a mentorprogram; just before the semester starts you can sign up to get a mentor who can help you with all kinds of things.

accommodation

Accommodation is a lot cheaper compared to Utrecht, for about 300-350 euros you can find a really nice apartment in the center of the city. Because I had heard that it is quite easy to find accommodation in Budapest, I decided to look for a room after I arrived in Budapest. It took me a bit longer than I expected because there were more erasmusstudents than before, but after a week I had found a really nice place in the city centre.

leisure & culture

Budapest is a beautiful city and there is always something happening or to do and even in my last days I discovered new nice places. In summer there are a lot of outside ruinbars and in winter there is a christmasmarket on every corner of the street. Budapest has a lot of coffeeshops, restaurants, and bars. Especially the 7th district is nice for going out to eat or drink. Budapest also has a lot of beautiful historic buildings and museums like the Parliament, the National Museum and the House of Terror.

suggestions/tips

I stayed in a hostel the first week because I decided to look for a room after my arrival in Budapest. At the hostel were some other erasmusstudents looking for apartments as well and I have met a lot of my friends there. After a week I had found accommodation. I am glad that I did it like this because you are sure that you won't be deceived and it is really easy to meet people when you are staying in a hostel.

The best places to live are between the tram 4-6 and the Danube (district 5, 6, 7)

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I would definitely recommend Budapest as destination abroad. It has a very lively erasmus community and it is cheap compared to Utrecht. Another advantage of Budapest is that it is really easy to travel to other places in Europe. During my Erasmus I travelled to Poland, Austria, Slovenia and Serbia.

do you have any additional advice or comments?