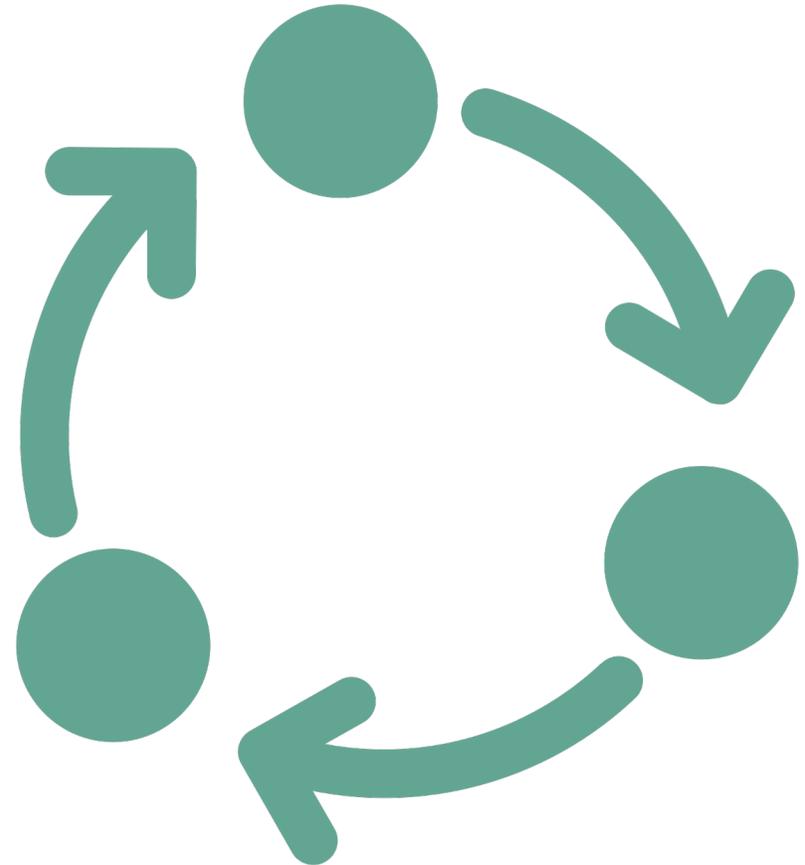


*How do I choose my destination?*

*Your presentors:*

*Loes & Pooi Ji*

*Making choices  
always works best if  
done methodologically*



Keep the  
*FOOTHOISE*  
about you!



## Checklist to consider



- Academics
- Language Requirements
- Costs / Cost of Living
- Location
- Size of the University
- Housing
- Academic calendar
- Culture of the host country
- International environment
- Number of available places
- Where did other students go?
- Available destinations

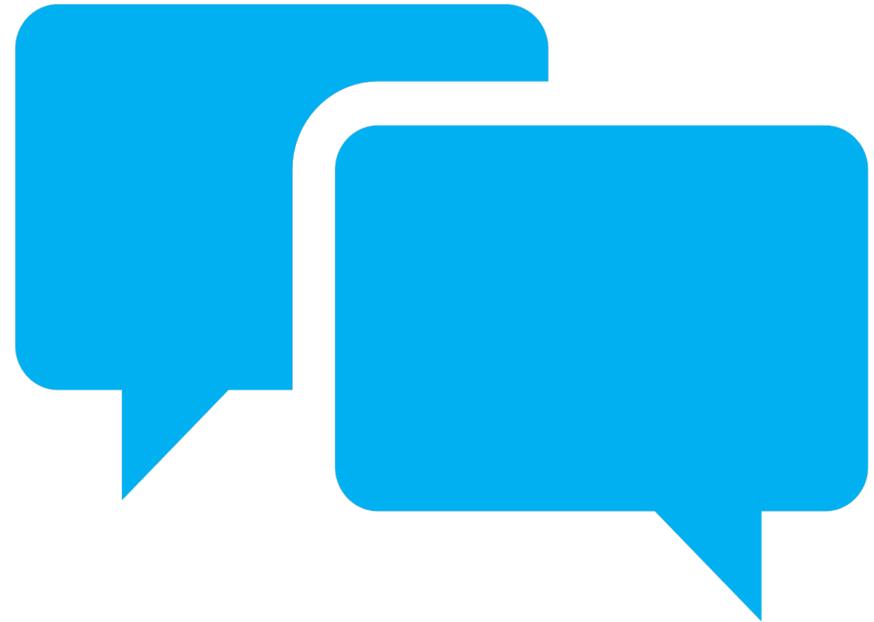
*Find your most  
important criteria*

Must  
have

Nice to  
have

Discuss in the break-out rooms  
what your most important  
criteria would be

*Which criterion is  
most important to  
you and why?  
Put it in the chat!*



*Let it sink in and  
come back to it  
when you're ready*



Who?	Questions about which topic?	How to reach?
<b>Study advisor / Tutor/ Contact person Abroad (HUM)</b>	Questions about your study progress  Discuss your Study Plan	<a href="https://students.uu.nl/en">https://students.uu.nl/en</a> ➤ <b>your programme</b>
<b>International Offices</b>	Specific questions about university wide or faculty destinations, registration procedure, general questions on studying abroad	<a href="#">Contact International Offices</a> ➤ <b>Choose university wide or your own faculty</b>
<b>Host university</b>	Specific questions regarding the destination to which you cannot find the answer	<a href="#">UU destination pages</a>
<b>Other students</b>	Their review on a specific destination	<b>Read the student reports on the <a href="#">destination pages</a></b>

*Questions?*

## Useful questions to ask yourself while making your choices

### **Academic Requirements**

- Are there enough interesting subjects available?
- Does the university offer courses that match my possible master's programme?
- Do I meet the entrance requirements of the host university, e.g. average grade, entry requirements for courses?
- Ranking / reputation / of host university?
- How do the courses fit in my programme (free electives, replacement of mandatory courses)?
- Does the academic culture appeal to me?

### **Language**

- What is the language of instruction?
- Do I speak the language spoken in that country?
- Do I expect to meet the possible language requirements?

### **Costs / Cost of Living**

- What are the expected total costs?
- Which scholarships are available?
- Can I / would I like to save / borrow some extra money?

### **Location**

- What kind of city best fits you? A large city or a smaller one?
- Large cities generally offer more opportunities (places to go out, culture), but perhaps it is easier to meet people or feel more at home in a medium-sized or small town.
- Close to nature or in urban areas?
- Close to public transport (looking at travel possibilities)?
- Distance to the Netherlands / home country? As far as possible or rather close-by?

### **Housing**

- Via university or arrange it yourself?
- On campus or in the city?

- Share a room or do you prefer a private room?
- Costs?
- House rules (for example: do not invite guests; curfew)

### **Size of the University**

- Small universities may offer more personal attention where large universities offer a wider range of courses and facilities. What is more important to me?

### **Academic calendar**

- Do the semester dates match your study programme at UU (no overlap)?
- For example Australia: mirrored semesters

### **Culture of the host country**

- What does / does not appeal to you when looking at the culture of the host country?

### **International environment of the university**

- How many international / exchange students does this university have?
- Does the university offer welcome / orientation / introduction days for exchange students?
- Are there buddies or international student associations?

### **Number of places available**

- Are there enough places available within your top 3?

### **Where did other students go to on exchange?**

- How did they review this destination?

### **Available destinations**

- Destinations from your faculty and/or programme specific
- University wide destinations