

# The Experience Report

Time period: 13.02.2017-31.05.2017

Host University: National Technical University of Athens

## Preparation

Preparation was actually quite fast and easy; all schedule and documents were sent by the hosting University on time and with a lot of details.

## Travel and Arrival

I travelled from Berlin to Athens via Aegean airline (Best price considering 2x 20kg luggage)

Arrival needed to take a cab to reach Athens (quite expensive 35€)

We started 1 week before the official start of the second university, so we got all the practical information (especially Erasmus administrative things, cafeteria card, one week later)

## Accommodation

We booked a flat online (for 4 person) in Zografou (15-20min walking from the Uni) for a fair price 250€/person / month. On arrival, the flat was quite different from what we have seen on the picture (old, a bit dirty, really bad heat insulation with only 3 hours of common heating / day... so the flat was really cold).

Thanks to our teachers, (G. Caralis and V. Riziotis), we managed to break our contract and were able to find an awesome flat (still in Zografou) that allowed us to really enjoy our stay, study, and improve bonding with our classmates.

## Staying at the host university

Amazing stay, our supervisor and teachers were some of the best teacher (and person) I ever met during my studies and professional career. It was like a family, Mr Caralis is really committed to the Master and the students, helping us as well with lecture related issue than personal and everyday life.

Quality of lecture and the knowledge of some of our Teacher/lecturer is outstanding. The windfarm project is an amazing tool to apply most of the knowledge acquired during the semester. A feedback was given to our teacher in order to even improve it a bit more.

## Everyday life and leisure time

Life in Greece is really nice, people are really friendly even if I have to admit I was quite surprised by the cost of living (24% taxes). Nevertheless, Greece is offering A LOT of things to do, from scenery landscape/island to monument and museum full of history.

I had the chance to visit some of the Island and would definitely recommend Santorini as well as the Patras Carnival (Erasmus trip).

Due to the short period of our stay (3,5 months) and the work load (it is a post graduate master) we didn't have so much time for crazy party but the right amount and our new flat really allowed us to enjoy our time in Athens.

## General Experience

My stay in Greece was amazing, I just wish we picked a better flat from the beginning (it took us quite a bit of time to find another one in February) and I organised myself a bit better in my work so that I have more time to visit (money was a bit short too – but the flat was really awesome).

PS: I had to go to physio 3 times a week as I had an accident in Germany in September so it also took a lot of my money and limited me toward the side activity I could do.