

# REPORT ON MY ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

## **1. What is your name and which program did you attend?**

*Egon Tripodi, Master of Science in Economics, 2012-2014.*

## **2. Where and when did you go during your Erasmus program?**

*KU Leven, Belgium in the Spring 2014.*

## **3. How did you like living there?**

*The city is great: one of the oldest city in Belgium, but still very well maintained. An important thing to keep in mind is to apply early (by May) for the university residencies. They also have a very well organized system to post rooms for rent on the private market through the university website, but living in a public residence is much more fun and makes meeting people easier.*

## **4. What about the University?**

*One of the best universities all over Europe. When you get there you immediately understand what makes them this good:*

*-Very international environment;*

*-Strong organization: everything is as it is supposed to be;*

*-Heterogeneous and high quality faculty.*

*The social science facilities are all located in the city center and are connected through a nice park where people uses to hang out during the warm hours in springtime.*

## **5. What is the level of the courses? Did you find similarities to those in Tor Vergata?**

*Well, as far as I know, Erasmus students are allowed to attend courses of the third year of the bachelors, of the one-year masters, and of the advanced masters (as long as you have 240 ECTS, that is, you should have completed 4 year of courses). My suggestion is not to pick too many advanced courses because students selected for the PhD attend the advanced masters, and most of these classes are pretty tough.*

*You will easy find a close substitute for the courses you need to take. But, as you are likely to be second year students with only optional courses left you will find tons of nice classes and remember that, once you are there, you can also choose (up to) 3 classes offered in different faculties (the philosophy faculty is one of the best all over the world!)*

## **6. Is there any particular advise that you would like to give to another student who will go there in the future?**

*I mentioned some stuff they are really good at and in terms of international environment and organization Tor Vergata cannot really compete with KU Leuven. Belgian people are quite 'cold' though, and you are not going to have too many Belgian friends (<http://cheeseweb.eu/2014/04/3-reasons-no-belgian-friends/>).*

*Also professors have detached relationships with students; you will easy notice professors who studied abroad because of the extra warmth you will perceive during class.*

## **7. Do you wish to be contacted for further information by interested students?**

*Yes, my email address is [egon\\_tripodi@hotmail.it](mailto:egon_tripodi@hotmail.it)*