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May the report be published?	YES
If yes, may name and e-mail be published?	YES to both

1. Preparation (organization, application at the host university)

I got the information about host university from the International day at FAU and searched some information in the website of International Office. One important thing to make sure before mobility is to make sure that the course has a lot of places. From my experience, the place for each course is very limited and you should really put this into account when dealing with learning agreements.

2. Arrival / Visa (Train)

For students who comes from non-EU countries should apply for visa in Hungarian embassy in Berlin, Germany. The cost for making this visa is 70 EUR + 3.45 EUR, including with the shipping cost for your passport, both sending and receiving. But if you're coming from EU countries, you don't need any visa and just get ready for Erasmus party in Budapest. I use direct train from Nuremberg to Budapest with one transit in Linz, Austria. It cost me around 60 EUR for going by train to Budapest. Make sure you book it 3 weeks prior to departure. Another possibilities such as using car, blablacar (*Mitfahrgelegenheit*) or plane.

3. Accommodation (student residence hall, private apartment)

Searching for apartments in Budapest can be achieved by looking around from several Facebook groups. I got one from one of this and the price was 260 EUR. It's only 400 m from Corvinus and it's located in the very center of Budapest. Make sure to look apartments that university offered to the students. Although it's quite expensive, sometimes there are some apartments, which is quite nice and cheap.

4. Study at the host university (Courses / Timetable)

The courses as I said before have only 20-40 seats and if you didn't really focus on preparing this, then be ready to change your learning agreements. Most of the courses from faculty of Business

Administration are in English and also the courses from Computer Science. I took four courses as stated below:

2VE81NVMMEG	Managing the Multinational Enterprise
ISCGOPR518	Project Management
293NCOMK535B	Business Intelligence
293NCOMV512B	Managing ERP with SAP R/3

You can easily find the timetable in Neptun website and arrange the timetable for the whole week. The time is longer than in FAU, so I would recommend taking one to two courses for each day.

5. Support service at the host university (International Office, Department)

The international office will send you several emails regarding about all information about the university. The international office is located in room 205, main building and the faculty coordinator of Business Administration is located in room 136. Make sure to read their opening hours also. The university will arrange welcome week and the student's organization will also arrange something interesting with international students. Tandem partner will be given to you before you arrive at Budapest. This partner will be very helpful since they can speak Hungarian and can help you in daily life and legal stuffs.

6. Language courses at the host university (charges or fees required)

Since I didn't take language courses in Corvinus, I couldn't fill this section. Should you need one, please ask your tandem partner or international office.

7. Facilities at the host university (library, computer pool, etc.)

Computers are available to use at Salt house. There are several canteen that serve very good snacks and in very cheap price. Be sure to try every cake they offer. To borrow a book, you must pay 1000 Forint~3.10 EUR to the library. The student card is not available for one semester because you have to renew it before the date ends. This card can be used to buy monthly ticket in BKK (official transportation in Budapest) and cost you only 3450 Forint~11.20 EUR. As I said before, please always ask to your tandem partner when it comes to issues related with the university and legal stuffs in Hungary. They also can be a good friends to travel around the city.

8. Finances & Spare time activities (sight seeking, cost of living, bank, mobile phone)

I use Telenor as my mobile phone provider since that's the cheapest one and offer great variations of Internet packages. I would recommend you to either use DKB or Consors bank for your financial business in Hungary because if you were going to use Deutsche Bank or Sparkasse, it would cost you 2-4 EUR every time you take money from the bank. Another great way to save money is also opening bank account in Budapest, which also takes more effort.

If you really on budget, 550 EUR is already enough to live in Budapest with style. But with a lot of party you also need to pay more. Most of the expenses would come from your accommodation and your health insurance from your host country. Besides that, it really depends on how you manage your expenses on things and stuffs.

Budapest offers a great entertainment for students with great price. I would recommend to try their traditional food (goulash, fisherman soup, kurtoskalacs, palacsinta, chicken paprika soup and many more). Try also their traditional spirits such as palinka and unicum. Budapest also offers different kinds of wine and please try their sweet wine called tokaji aszu, p.5. Some great

places for foods and drinks such as Retro Bufe (langos is here), Hungarikum Bisztro, Zeller Bisztro, Mollnar's Kurtoskalacs, Espress embassy, Szimpla Kert, Fogashaz kert, Doboz, Morrisons 2 and Puder Bar.

Apart from food, you can also sightseeing around the town and take a lot of great picture. I also recommend you to go to one of the thermal baths, like Gellert furdo or rudasz baths.

The nightlife is wonderful and memorable. In Jewish quarter, you will see a lot of pubs and bars that offers a great party ambience and drinks.

9. Conclusion (best and worse experience)

My best experience in Budapest was having a chance to eat a lot of great and tasty food with cheap price. Please take time to try their food. In Hungary, they tend not to smile to the customers and this for me was my worse experience there. We also once got scolded because we only asked something from the receipt. Last but not least, I'm sorry if I have grammar mistake but all of the information are true and well informed for all future students who wants to go to Corvinus.

10. Important contact persons and links

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