

Angaben zum Studium/Praktikum

Studienfächer o. Vorhaben (z.B. Fachkurs)	Umweltwissenschaften
Zielland	Spain
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Angaben zur Person

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Was waren Ihre persönlichen und akademischen Beweggründe für den Auslandsaufenthalt?

My main aim regarding this internship was to make the best out of my summer holidays by acquiring new skills and learning useful things that could help me in my future career. Also, improving my Spanish language knowledge was an important part of the reasoning behind the decision of having the Erasmus+ Traineeship.

Wie haben sich Ihre Vorbereitungen gestaltet? Worauf ist besonders zu achten? (Bewerbung an der Hochschule/Institution; Organisation des Visums, Flugs sowie der Unterkunft; Krankenversicherung; Kosten)

The entire process was quite easy, the information at hand and both sending and receiving organisations were of great support. I believe the most important step is finding the right organisation and make sure their values fit yours. This way one will enjoy for sure the work and stay abroad. After contacting the receiving organisation and getting their approval for the internship, all I had to do were the formalities. In my case the accommodation and insurance were covered by the receiving organisation, so all I had to do was plan my trip. For all paper work I had to do in advance I received great help from the International Office, thing that made everything fast and easy.

Welche Erfahrungen haben Sie bei Ihrem Auslandsstudium/-praktikum gemacht?

(Bedingungen der Hochschule/Institution; belegte Kurse und Prüfungen; Tagungen; Workshops)

I had a quite complex stay with Amigos da Terra consisting in workshops, fieldwork, officework etc. Due to the location of the facilities most of my work was practical, which made it a unique learning experience.

Inwieweit sind Sie mit den sprachlichen Voraussetzungen vor Ort zu Recht gekommen? (z.B. Angebote von Sprachkursen, Arbeitssprache vor Ort, Kommunikation vor Ort)

I was already a fluent Spanish speaker; therefore I didn't need any other support for improving my skills apart from the daily interactions with my colleagues and the locals.

Welche persönlichen Eindrücke bleiben von Ihrem Aufenthalt und wie bewerten Sie diesen?
(Alltag vor Ort; Mentalität; prägende Erlebnisse; Wurden Ihre Erwartungen erfüllt?)

I can definitely say this was a good professional experience but even a greater personal experience. Both the location of the facilities and the personnel were very unique, giving me the opportunity to experience many new things that I wouldn't have otherwise.
I lived and worked in a forest at around 1200 m altitude that provided the perfect framework for improving my knowledge on nature and even get to know myself better.
My colleagues were also very interesting people, from whom I could learn a lot.
Overall I would rate my stay as a life changing experience.

Welche praktischen Tipps würden Sie zukünftigen Studierenden für Ihren Auslandsaufenthalt geben? (z.B. zu Zeitpunkt, Finanzierung, sprachliche Vorbereitung, ...)

Stay out of your international students circle and get to meet the locals as it's the online way to take full advantage of your stay abroad.
This is also the best way to learn the language and the culture.