



20 years on the way

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A winding straight path

ESN is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. And this is the time to evoke memories, to unearth old photos, to make summaries, but also to rejoice and to make plans for the future. Time for great celebrations, but also occasion to demonstrate the maturity of the network and launch new, ambitious projects. This issue of eXpress shows how ESN has been changing, how it has been evolving throughout these years to reach its current level.

We have received a lot of articles for this special issue. They have been divided into four thematic blocks: wishes, memories and network matters one can find in 20 years on the way. Projects and partners are described in the second part of the issue. To recall nice moments and prepare for many future ones, dive into to the third block - ESN Events. Erasmus Programme and languages of Europe occur at the end of eXpress.

At the beginning of this issue, we have a chance to see our work from a bit different, external, point of view since ESN had a great honour to be a guest of Commissioner Ján Figel' in his headquarters in Berlaymont building. Serving as European Commissioner for Education, Training & Culture and being responsible for youth as well, Ján Figel' explains his point of view on Europe, youth organisations in general and on the projects of ESN.

The previous presidents of ESN International, Désirée Majoor, Davide Capecchi and Giorgio Marinoni are recalling their terms, looking back, comparing 'theirs' and 'ours' ESN present and wishing the network everything best for its future. Alumni also accepted our invitation to contribute to the magazine showing us how the Pallomeri spirit evolved during all the years. Moreover, we can find out which role Portugal played in the network throughout the years and why Bulgaria has recently joined it.

The second block of this issue covers projects and partners matters. We have a Dutch article from UNICEF The Netherlands National Committee - an organisation that supports us in Give20 project. ESN Bologna tells us about fundraising activities that they have undertaken to increase the quality of education in Buthan. ESN Reggio Calabria tries to convince the rest of the network why the ESN Card should be widely used and, finally we present to you two brand new projects: ESN Radio and a project that will help to promote exchange programmes among students with disabilities.

The third part of the magazine consists of reportages from ESN events. NEP OC and CND OC explain us joyful, difficult, but also funny moments during their hard work. We have also a nice advertisement from ESN Spain - ESNers join us in Ibiza!, and a small commentary on the recruitment weekend in ESN House.

Eventually, we have reached the last part and the core of our work - the Erasmus Programme. What Erasmus really is? No matter how difficult is that question, we will try to answer it in this issue of our magazine. We also want to promote here the languages of Europe having commentaries in other languages than English to show how diverse and beautiful is our continent.

What do all these articles show? Well, ESN is an adult now. It has gone along many winding paths before it has reached the 20th anniversary destination. A lot has changed, but what has not are the motivation and commitment, enthusiasm and joy and, what is the most important, the values and beliefs of our members also remained the same.

Happy Birthday ESN,
happy birthday ESNers!

*by Magdalena Wawrzonkowska
External Relations, ESN International*



ESN, 20 years on the way

I was about twenty five years old then and just back from an exchange period in Bologna, Italy, when I got involved in a Brussels evaluation of the first year of the Erasmus exchange programme, and, as a result of that, in 'the making of' what would turn out to be the Erasmus Student Network. What did it take to make this happen? In fact not so much: a handful of enthusiastic students from different European countries and the conviction that we could organise ourselves quicker and better than if we waited for the educational institutions to take care of mentoring foreign students. The basic idea was, as it is still visible in ESN today, students taking responsibility for each other (by a kind of 'buddy system' throughout Europe) as for themselves and their own education by traveling, studying and living abroad. Of course we were ambitious, but not so much about our own careers. We were ambitious to make the idea work. Taking responsibility to make an idea and an ideal work: to make Europe work and to make it ours. Isn't that what ESN is still about?

*by Désirée Majoor
First President of ESN International*





Interview with Commissioner Ján Figel'



On a rare sunny Brussels day Commissioner Ján Figel' kindly hosted ESN in his office to talk about several issues regarding Erasmus, ESN, Youth and Europe in general. Commissioner Figel', the responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth of the European Commission, recently gave his patronage to the AGM, ESNtrain, Birthday Book and Postcard Campaign.

What is the importance of student associations like ESN in the strategy of the European Commission?

First of all, Europe is about people and people living together, not only existing together. Networking is one of the best answers to create links and help to improve conditions for living together, mobility and recognition of knowledge. From this point of view, ESN is highly compatible with this philosophy of the European Union and I welcome the commitment and engagement of ESN in promoting education and cooperation. (...) ESN is a partner in the educational field. I am happy when I see students not only around, but actively involved in debates, conferences and networking.

How do you perceive the contribution of ESN work to the quality of international education in Europe?

Traditionally, Europe was seen not as the most prominent or top level quality place for education and I think that in recent years this formal picture has started to improve. The Erasmus programme, and ESN, is one of the real contributors and drivers towards quality. We need to increase this culture of quality and here everybody has a role, the institutions, students, teachers, professors but also the European bodies as such. (...) We need good services, inclusion and integration of students when they visit a foreign university but also when they are coming back to have their knowledge and results recognised. I want to encourage you to continue in this qualitative quest of quality in mobility and education.

Why did you decide to give your patronage to Happy Birthday ESN projects?

I like occasions when we celebrate not only past achievements but also meet people and disseminate good results and give inspiration for the future. (...) My patronage is a signal of concrete support because for Europe, for the European Union, Erasmus brought a lot of new realities. (...) We will publish soon a Green Paper on Learning Mobility, which means an invitation for ESN and all the partners around the European Commission to bring answers to how this could become a future achievement. Maybe in the next twenty years we will celebrate again, but even higher and more relevant achievements in building the European Higher Education Area. My patronage is rather a commitment to continue in this direction.

Why was it impossible to give your patronage also to the Give 20 project as well?

We support projects of social dimension, charity is promoted, but we don't put our label directly to concrete projects where, for example, fundraising is organised. It is an issue of principle. But of course the idea as well as the whole purpose are very constructive.

How do you see the future of European Youth?

Youth is here, although we used to say that youth is our future. By this sentence I mean that we should care about young people and their conditions in life, in education, in employment today. Youth is our present. And present in English has also the meaning of a gift, so we should try to see youth as a gift and think how we deal, how we treat our gifts. I think we need to be youth friendly, which means to create conditions where young people can participate and get more opportunities. (...) We discuss and want to agree nowadays on the next decade of the Open Method of Coordination in the area of youth, where the major objectives are: investment in young people and empowerment of young people. How to do it? (...) Our policies should be more convergent and more horizontal, which means less sectorised, less fragmented and more united, taking youth aspects into account (...) Secondly, we need to link the different levels of responsibilities much more than until now. And thirdly, I think we can succeed or improve only if we work for young people with young people, not without or simply in terms of seeing young people as objects of policy, they are subjects and they must be partners in consultation, in drafting, in implementation. (...)

What, in your opinion, were the biggest achievements and changes in Europe during the past 20 years?

I would say a lot of communalities which were not so real and even difficult to imagine 20 years ago. 20 years ago I was a citizen of the communist Czechoslovakia. I mean, 1989 was the collapse of the previous division (...). But then there was a lot of homework ahead of us to get to today's reality. I would say these achievements could be represented in three words: enlargement, Euro and Erasmus. From 12 countries to 27, from the Western European Union to a really much more complete community of 27 countries (...) Secondly, Euro today represents not only 16 countries, but also a very strong international currency; it is the second most used currency and an important instrument for financial stability in the world. (...) And thirdly Erasmus, which is not just about individuals, although we have almost 2 million of participants. (...) The Bologna Process in 46 countries, and partner countries outside Europe, make our education more open, more international, of higher quality or more relevant at least. Erasmus has multiple impacts on Europe today, there are many new initiatives like Cultural Erasmus for Art Educators or Students of Art, there are ideas on entrepreneurial Erasmus, on military Erasmus, so it means that Erasmus is a really great inspiration and we need more of this in quality and quantity. (...)

by Ana Silva

*ESN International Secretary
and*

Magdalena Wawrzonkowska

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Mobility of Thought

By reading the AGM Documents for the AGM Utrecht 2009, I understand once more that dynamism and rapidity are still the main features of ESN at all levels. At the international level, though, these elements have been lately accompanied by continuity and maturity. Perhaps because ESN is turning 20?

In our local sections members come and go, at times at an even higher pace than the exchange students themselves. Sometimes the average permanence of an ESNer in one position amounts to few weeks and more than 70% of AGM participants are attending such an event for their first time. It is not unusual that newbees apply for Board positions, and National Representatives remain in charge for some months only.

Moreover and as a further matter of example, the website of the organisation has been changed every two years and modifications to the statutes and standing orders are put forward for discussion at every AGM.

The Board and the CNR will propose to analyse, at the next AGM in Utrecht, reviewed mission, vision and values. Notably enough, the ones currently valid have been approved in 2006, at the AGM in Cracow. We are now only waiting for the proposal of a new logo and a new corporate identity, that - one can bet - will be brought to discussion within a short time.

All these are very good signs, indicating an organisation that is never halted, that does not fear to reconsider habits and processes nor hesitates to change and innovate those deemed redundant or plethoric. This is what a student organisation ought to be: always projected towards its future, notwithstanding a continue critical review of its past an present.

Alas, too often, in the past, memory of good solutions and decisions of earlier periods have been neglected or simply forgotten. This was due to a lack of continuity in the knowledge of the association.

If I were to point out the main advantage of having, finally, a fully operational headquarters in Brussels, I'd say that it consists in the establishment of stable processes and, in general, in a more attentive management of the internal knowledge of ESN, for the benefit both of the international level activities and projects (obviously) and of the national and local levels (less evident yet present).

I have chaired and represented ESN (International) for a good deal of 10% of its history. It is a remarkable percentage, especially considering that before being president of the organisation I had served as National Representative for Italy (one year), President of ESN Milano Statale (one year) and section's member. I can claim, therefore, to have a not insignificant overview of what has happened in ESN over the last six years. Believe me, you can bet: we have changed a lot - and I do reckon, all for the better.

I am extremely happy to see so many strategic goals, for whose achievement many Board members have striven and struggled, becoming reality in these months: the election of an ESN-appointee to a European Youth Forum statutory body; the recognition of ESN by the Council of Europe in their Advisory Council on Youth; accessing grants provided by the European Youth Foundation (Ewa, Giorgio, Jelena and Matthias know how long and hard we have worked to reach this goal). I believe that these achievements have been made possible by a great deal of consistency, continuity of support, overlapping of experiences, perseverance of commitment but first and foremost by friendship and respect between many generations of Boards of ESN. By my side, I've been trying, over the last years, to support my successors by all available means, in order to foster this consistency and continuity of action.

Gaining funds from the European Commission by ESN International is now a given,

taken for granted. This has not always been the case - there is always a 'moment one', an instant of discontinuity in an organisation when the first flower blooms after plenty of attempts. This period of rapid change has come in the last 4 years, thanks to the commitment of many who have believed upon that ESN deserved more and a better recognition, a higher and more prominent role in the panorama of student (and youth) organisations in Europe and beyond. Now that so many heretofore dreams have become reality, i.e. at the dawn of the 20th birthday of ESN, I agree on that it is time to draw a line and to project the association to its new future.

The good of my experience as a President of ESN is that I am still convincingly carrying in me the values that I tried to formulate, to represent and to spread at my very best. I have not forgotten what the years in ESN have represented for me and for my dear friends and mates in that amazing adventure.

K eep on moving, ESN - and may the Pal-
lomeri spirit guide you to your brightest way ahead!

*by Davide Capecchi
President of ESN International
2005 - 2007*





What has changed...

‘20th Anniversary’ has a special sound for me. It reminds me of the greatest project ESN accomplished in all its life, just two years ago - ‘The celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Erasmus programme’.

I remember perfectly that day, 19th January 2007. Many people in Europe remember that day for a very unpleasant reason. That day was the day of one of the worst storms in Western Europe, and Brussels itself was not saved from the unpleasant weather, wind was blowing at many kilometres per hour, and heavy rain was falling from the sky. Many trains were late and even walking by the streets was not the easiest and most pleasant thing to do. But for me, as for many other ESNers, all those circumstances were nothing but a strange romantic atmosphere for the great day of ESN: the day of the opening conference of the ‘Celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Erasmus programme’ at the Committee of the Regions. A conference organised by ESN, with 200 people coming from all over Europe and with the Vice-president of the European Commission, Margot Wallström, and the Commissioner for Education, Ján Figel, coming as guests. But the star of the conference, the man who was opening the conference with an amazing speech, was the president of ESN, who happened to be my close friend, Davide Capecchi. I was one of the participants of those conference, because I had the honour of being one of the speakers and because I was already the only candidate to be the next president of ESN. My feelings were strange, I was amazed by the incredible level of organisation ESN reached and somehow scared to have reached the top, and at the same time excited to be the one who was having the duty to lead that organisation to its further development.

And now that 2 years have past and ESN is already to celebrate another anniversary, its 20th Anniversary, I am still amazed how this or-

ganisation has further developed, still shocked as the first time I went to AGM, when I was surprised on how students could reach such a level of organisation and success, and full of admiration for those people who were doing that, but with the difference that now I know that those extraordinary people are just normal people with a dream and a great willingness to make it real, extraordinary people like you.

Happy birthday ESN!

by **Giorgio Marinoni**
President of ESN International
2007-2008



Uncovering the years with Pallomeri spirit

Out of those 20 years of ESN I spent 5 with the Pallomeri spirit. For me it is a story of uncovering.

First of all, it is uncovering of what I can achieve. During my first AGM was in 2004 in Helsinki, probably as many others, I felt quite lost. Amendments, statutes changes – what are the people talking about? And the chairs - two Dutch guys – I truly admired them. Not because I thought ‘hey, they are much better than me’, but because they were doing something from a different universe. Chairing a meeting of some 400 enthusiastic, yet often complaining, quarrelling people, referring to the standing orders, discussing their visions... That was something! Two years later, in Cracow, I was a member of the chairing team. I think we did quite well and what’s more – I truly enjoyed it and felt relaxed.

Second, it is the story of all the happy encounters and party stories you know too I suppose. My first CNR in Tallinn, in September 2004, was the only time in my life I fell asleep with my eyes open. What else would you expect when you are waiting for your plane after three days of sessions and sleeping only 12 hours in 3 days? Another story: Christoph Graf asking ‘how about breakfast?’ at 5:30 AM after the Gala Dinner in Cracow. For some reasons the hotel staff didn’t offer him any...

Third uncovering: the changes of the role I find myself in. I was a greenhorn in Helsinki 2004, then a CNR Coordinator in Gdansk 2005, one of the chairs in Cracow 2006 and now coordinating the alumni. I am getting old! But getting used to the new context and responsibilities is what keeps me alive and what I really enjoy!

Fourth it is about all the people. I guess there are some 150 ESNers at my Facebook friends’ list, some of them are my close friends. What else would you want from life? Besides health, love, family, money, good work and a roof over your head.

I believe this kind of experience is common to many ESNers. Everyone has lived it his or her way, but it is this kind of mixed experiences which still attracts new ESNers. I believe that 20 years is just the beginning. The life ahead of us. Happy birthday ESN!

by **Vojtech Oplestil**
Coordinator of ESN Alumni





Platform for defending the interests of young people in Europe

Large hall, hundreds of people, uncountable piles of drafts, papers, proposals and other documents, heartwarming speeches and intriguing talks in backstage. This is a place, where many of the most important European youth decisions are taken - the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum – an umbrella organisation of almost hundred national youth councils and international youth non-governmental organisations, like ESN. Working in collaboration with the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations, it serves to raise the youth voice towards decision-makers.

ESN joined Youth Forum in April 2007, mainly to support better mobility in the higher education on European scale, as well to broaden the institutional collaboration from European Commission to other partners, such as the Council of Europe. Since this time not only have we learnt much about the forum and actively taken part in its activities, we have also contributed with our expertise concerning mobility in the formal education and 20 year experience of ‘students helping students’ volunteering principle. Last November we attended our very first General Assembly and got a mandate in the CoE Advisory Council on Youth. Now ESN has grown to be ready for a full membership and generally greater involvement in the Forum.

One might ask what this ‘high politics’ is giving to our network, our members and the exchange students. The first advantage of European Youth Forum lies in collaboration. We are not the only organisation in Europe which sees the great value of the intercultural collaboration and wants to deal with visa issues, as well to promote mobility and cultural understanding. And it is always more efficient to join resources and gather experiences. Secondly, participation in such organisations helps to raise the visibility

of ESN. Because of this, ESN international projects will be more recognised, and, perhaps, also better supported. Forum naturally results also in quite an extensive social network between the member organisations. Last but not least, Youth Forum organises various trainings and events, which are open to the member organisations.

Moreover, even the main communication between ESN and the Forum happens through ESN’s liaison office and the International Board, there is a similar, smaller ‘forum’ in almost each of the ESN countries, called the National Youth Council. Legally established national level is the main prerequisite you need to join your national council, what only Italy and Latvia have done so far, despite it being well worth it with all the training opportunities for ESN members, involvement in national level decision making and extensive contact networks. I believe in ESN value of fun, however there is a greater value we can add to make mobility the life experience to more students all over the Europe. Interested? – take a look at www.youthforum.org and contact us yfj@esn.org.

*by Madara Apsalone
The National Representative of Latvia,
Vice-liaison officer to the European Youth Forum*



Bulgaria in the network!

It started two years ago. My first Erasmus day with no expectations, no friends, no one to help me. But I was wrong. The very first day at my new university I was warmly welcomed by the university administration and by... my new friends, ESN!!! You know the rest of the story – one happy Erasmus semester and a lot of life changing experiences. One of the things I will never forget is the devotion and energy of ESN Carlos III Madrid. They did a great job with us, so great that I got inspired to do the same in Bulgaria.

Unfortunately, when I came back I found out that there not much had been done in Bulgaria for the Erasmus students until that moment. No ESN sections, no legally-based Erasmus associations. But there were other enthusiasts like me and that was more than enough! We had all been Erasmus students and we had all been taken care of by the local ESN sections. The team was built very quickly and the motivation was surprisingly high. The happiness in the eyes of our exchange students made our will to keep walking in the same direction even stronger.

For a very short time we became a real Erasmus association, recognised and very active. It is hard to believe, but we met almost all of our targets and we were ready to set new ones such as becoming a part of ESN.

Why did we decide to join ESN, if we would keep on doing the same activities anyway?

The main reason is that we were all inspired by ESN and this great organisation didn’t have any representatives in Bulgaria. In the list of ESN advantages we can also add international cooperation with 32 more countries, exchange of ideas with like-minded people, participation in international projects, etc. As a part of the network we can contribute with the Bulgarian experience and show Bulgaria to ESN. Erasmus is all about sharing your life. ESN is about sharing your country spirit, about learning from the rest and showing them what you know.

As a part of the family you feel at home everywhere. ESN has a new home in Bulgaria now which is open for all of you! Come and visit us. :)

*by Mariya Dineva,
National Representative of Bulgaria*





17 years on the way... many yet to go

Portugal is still not a country very recognised for its achievements inside the ESN network. But the truth is it has been around for quite some years now. Although not having been a part of Erasmus Student Network since the beginning Portugal's oldest section, ESN Porto, has been helping international students since 1992.

From then on, other sections joined Porto but only Coimbra lasted. The two sections, together with the recently extinguished ESN UTAD, have been organising the Erasmus National Meeting, which once a year gathers Erasmus Students from all the sections in one of southern Portugal's beaches.

2008 was a great year for Portugal as another big city joined the network, ESN Lisboa will surely be of great help in improving Portugal's international image within ESN and has already started to organise joint activities with ESN Porto. This kind of partnerships are very important in the sections development, and are also a good for the Erasmus students from the different cities, who get the chance to interact during trips, dinners and parties.

But Lisbon isn't the only city with a new section, Evora decided to take another shot in the ESN world and Coimbra gained a second section, from the Polytechnic Institute. This swift growth is helping Portugal to establish itself as a truly renowned ESN country, even though it is still far from the network's big countries.

We believe that Portugal's case is not one of a kind, surely many ESN countries which are not that known about and even sometimes even dismissed in some matters have hard working local sections that have trouble transferring to the international level. These so called small countries shouldn't feel overwhelmed by the big ones, they should just keep on working locally and helping their Erasmus students, the international recognition will come sooner or later.

In the last 20 years ESN had a great development but for some of us there is still a long way to go. We hope that Portugal's example would help other smaller countries to continue working. Maybe next year we will be part of the big fish group.

by Ana Silva
Secretary of ESN International



Unicef celebrates 20 years of children's rights

Unicef viert 20 jaar kinderrechten
(in Dutch)

Als je 20 bent, is de wereld van jou. Alles ligt nog open, niks belet je om te worden wie je wilt zijn. Tenminste, als je in een rijk land geboren bent.

In een heel groot deel van de wereld houden jongeren zich niet bezig met ambities en grootse plannen. Door armoede, oorlog en ziektes als aids kunnen ze zichzelf die luxe niet veroorloven. Twintig jaar geleden werd echter een verdrag geboren dat alle kinderen die het minder goed getroffen hebben moet helpen. Het Verdrag inzake de Rechten van het Kind zag op 20 november 1989 het levenslicht. Hierin zijn de rechten van kinderen vastgelegd. Samengevat zegt het verdrag dat alle kinderen recht hebben op verzorging, bescherming en respect en bijna alle lidstaten van de Verenigde Naties hebben afgesproken zich hieraan te houden. Unicef moet ervoor zorgen dat deze landen hun belofte ook echt nakomen. Een zware klus, omdat dit in de praktijk nog lang niet altijd gebeurt. Elk kind heeft bijvoorbeeld recht op onderwijs, maar vandaag de dag gaan wereldwijd 101 miljoen kinderen niet naar school. Elk jaar overlijden 1,5 miljoen kinderen voor hun vijfde verjaardag, omdat ze diarree krijgen door vervuild water. Terwijl elk kind recht heeft op schoon drinkwater.

Unicef helpt 155 landen om hun beloftes aan kinderen waar te maken, zonder onderscheid naar ras, geloof, nationaliteit en politieke gezindheid. Dat doet ze met geld, kennis en overredingskracht, in de kantoren van regeringsleiders en in de buurthuizen van dorpen. Veel is al bereikt, maar er moet ook nog veel gebeuren. Want Unicef wil dat alle kinderen gezond opgroeien, zodat ze later – als ze 20 zijn – hun dromen kunnen waarmaken.

(English translation)

The world is all yours when you are 20 years old. The world lies on your feet without any limitation and nothing can restrict you from being what you want to be. At least, if you were born in a wealthy country.

In a big part of the world, youth doesn't let themselves in with ambitions and big plans. Because of the tremendous impact of poverty, war and illnesses such as AIDS they can't afford themselves that luxury. Though, twenty years ago an agreement has been signed which is supposed to be of a helping hand to children. The convention on the rights of children was born on the 20th of November 1989. The rights of children are included within this convention. To sum up, these include the right of healthcare for all children, including protection and respect. Almost all member nations have agreed to live up to this. Unicef needs to make sure that all the countries will live after and keep up this promise. This is a very heavy job as in reality this doesn't always happen. For example, every child has a right to education but even today 101 million children don't attend school at all. Every year, 1.5 million children die due to diarrhea from drinking polluted water, despite the fact that every child has a right to get clean drinking water.

Unicef helps 155 countries to live up to their promise to children, without discriminating in race, belief, nationality and political affinity. Unicef takes care of this with money, knowledge and persuasion in the offices of political leaders as well as small villages. Much has been achieved, but much still needs to be done. As Unicef wants every child to grow up healthy, so that later on, when they are 20, they will be able to make their dream come true.

by UNICEF
The Netherlands National Committee

UNICEF Fundraising Christmas Dinner (and more)

This year we decided to organise something different to celebrate the advent of Christmas with our Erasmus students - a Christmas Dinner 'old Bologna style', which was met with huge success and will now always have its place on the ESN calendar.

On Thursday 11th of December, 75 international students and ESN staff met at the Centro Anziani Andrea Costa (a recreational centre for the elderly) for a festive dinner of traditional Bolognese food with a charity lottery included. The owner's of the venue kindly let us decorate their room lavishly with fairy lights, candles and tinsel to create the perfect Christmas atmosphere. Crescentine with prosciutto crudo and other bolognese delicacies were on the menu - happily prepared for us by local granies - along with a fine selection of cheese for vegetarians. The dinner costed €10 for Erasmus students out of which ESN Bologna donated €2 to UNICEF for every participant. An additional €100 Euros were raised from the lottery which took place after the dinner, making a total amount of €250. The prizes for the lottery were partly given as gifts from ESN Bologna staff members, partly bought in local shops. Marketa from ESN Internationals kindly wrote us an accompanying letter about the partnership between ESN and UNICEF for this fundraising project, which will be very useful for the upcoming events as well: we are already planning a fundraising treasure hunt and maybe also a short City Marathon.

After a lovely end of the year, we started 2009 with the launch of our latest fundraising campaign. We hope it'll be as well of a great success.

We wish you all a happy Fundraising Year!

by *Manuel Marabese*
section member, ESN Bologna

Beyond the Galaxy



A new ESN year, a new ESN webmaster. But you could spot from the beginning that 2006 was going to be a special year: for the first time in history, the ESN Website Working Group was meeting face-to-face, in June in Milan; and, equally unusual, the traditional "rebuilding the esn.org website from scratch" was nowhere to be found in the agenda.

More exciting stuff was in the works, indeed. Antonio, the new webmaster of ESN International, had understood his time would be better spent if he cared not only about the esn.org institutional website, but also about those couple hundreds small local and national websites that served as the business card of ESN to most students and local institutions. A quick scan of the existing websites showed this attention was severely needed and Andrea and Peter joined Antonio to form the Webteam with the initial mission of improving local websites.

We instantly realized that the standardization of local websites on a common template would, one day, have allowed to aggregate data in a central system: hence the name of ESN Satellite for this website template, meant to be a part of a bigger system. The first milestone, ESN Satellite Beta, was presented at the CNR Koper in December 2006. After an enthusiastic acceptance by the National Representatives, ESN Satellite was refined until its first official release at the AGM 2007 in Prague; dozens of sections immediately adopted it.

The following year brought new and more interesting challenges. With a big percentage of the ESN sections switching to ESN Satellite or compatible technologies, the time had come to aggregate in one website the huge amount of information that had until then been visible only at the local level. The ESN Galaxy was thus born and it was successfully presented at the AGM 2008 in Besancon.

Yet another big challenge was waiting for us in 2008. After retiring from ESN, we founded a non-for-profit organisation named Youth Agora, with the mission of innovating on-line information for youth in Europe and beyond. Christof, one of the National Representatives we had impressed in December 2006, joined us in this new adventure.

Youth Agora is now working with several established partners, such as ESN and the University Network UNICA, in big projects like European Campus, supported by the European Commission and aiming at promoting through online tools the Erasmus Mundus master's programs to students from outside Europe. We provide website templates for master's programs, conferences and projects, and we are still helping ESN as partners in web-related projects (Give20, ESN Radio, ESN Satellite 3). Best of all, the enthusiasm from 2006 still lasts!

by *Andrea Pescetti*
Technical Director of Youth Agora



Promoting exchange programmes among students with disabilities – we can make a change

Before going on Erasmus we are usually afraid and excited at the same time. Will I manage to get a flat? Will I find new friends? How is the university? Are my language skills good enough? All those questions run through our heads and can get us scared. Have you ever thought how difficult it must be for a sight-impaired student? Or for somebody who moves on a wheel-chair?

According to the data of the European Commission, during the academic year 2006/07 over 140 disabled students participated in Erasmus (LLP/NA/ERA/19/08rev). This represents 0.09 % of all Erasmus students. The number is exceptionally low taking into consideration that at the average European university there are approximately 8% disabled students studying there with us! Having this in mind we present you the project which is aimed on changing this situation.

We cannot 'force' any student to go for an exchange, also promotion may not reach the success in that case. What we can do is making our sections accessible for students with disabilities and giving them opportunity to enjoy the ESN spirit and the intercultural, multinational atmosphere! Therefore, the main aim of the project is to make ESN an association accessible for disabled students on all the levels of its activities. That means that we would provide the conditions and opportunities for the disabled stu-

dents to actively participate in student life.

We would like to encourage you to become one of the pilot section taking part in the project and work not for students with disabilities, but work together with them for international students. Is it difficult? NO! Does it require a lot of time? NO! We would like you to engage one disabled student at your university in the work for the exchange students. It brings responsibility but also doesn't require a lot of effort, only a strong will to help the others. There are plenty of activities in your section you can involve a disabled student in, starting from managing a Satellite (which is soon going to be accessible for sight-impaired people), helping to coordinate a project and finishing with informing local students about Erasmus Programme.

The long term goal of the project is to encourage an increasing number of disabled students to go for an exchange and to provide them with the best possible conditions in the place of their destination.

We hope you will help us! Just by keeping on with your daily work you can make a change!

*by Magdalena Wawrzonkowska
External Relations, ESN International*



Here we go with the ESN Radio project!

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Contributing to ESN radioACTIVE

The idea was born one year ago by the previous International Board. Since then the scheme of the project has completely changed. From a simple on-line radio it has become a platform for ESNers to communicate with each other, to express their thoughts, their opinions, to give feedback to the Board and finally...to be heard.

We present you a project done completely for sections and reflecting sections' needs. We are working on the project within a small but efficient team consisting of: Antonio De Marco (Youth Agora), Piotr Cylke (WPA) and Magdalena Wawrzonkowska (External Relations). There is also a bunch of ESNers from the sections willing to help us with the programmes! They contribute with a huge range of creative ideas which inspire us for shaping the final profile of the radio.

Professionals from London are watching over the Radio's sound arrangements and are doing the jingles for us. You can read more about them in the column just next to. After research and feedback received we have also come up with the name - ESN radio ACTIVE linking the idea of the radio with the idea of being active in ESN.

What we need now is also your contribution! If you'd like to contribute with an idea of a programme or record a programme yourself you're more than welcome! Just contact us on external@esn.org. We will really appreciate any help and contribution!

Producing ESN Radioactive's jingles is our latest job in the radio production field and also a nice occasion for us to remember our Erasmus times spent in Rotterdam and Helsinki when we were exchange students. We are a London based music production team established in 2005 after years spent playing in bands (Unyou and Zen State) and recording music, to allow us to be creative in all the musical styles we felt interested in, which through the years happened to be practically anything from classical to rock passing through electronica, house, urban, ambient and so on! We've been active in the radio field since 2007 producing audio imaging for FM stations including London's Radio Academy award winning Life FM 103.6. This is just one of our many activities which include artistic productions (in few words the whole process of creating, recording, mixing and remixing music) and graphic design. We also produce music for advertising, soundtracks and music libraries. We love to work with upcoming artists/songwriters with fresh ideas, so anyone interested get in touch!

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*Get connected with ESN
radioACTIVE!!!*





The ESN card is not just a university card

It is an opportunity for the sections, a symbol of the ESN identity, a very useful tool that deserves to be used and to be a very important part of being a member of one of the most important students associations all over the world.

If you take a look around on the various sections' websites you will notice that the ESN card is often used as a base for section to increase the advantages and the opportunities for its members. Just think about the possible economic agreements or conventions that can be related to a card: gyms, copies, bars, pubs even trains or buses are cheaper for the lucky owner of an ESN card.

But this is not just about that.

The ESN card testifies that you belong to the network, this is important as a symbol, of course, but also gives you the opportunity to be member of a great family all over Europe. You don't have to do anything more than to show your card to your local fellow-member to be welcome in almost every city in Europe and be treated like the person you are: a brother from the big happy pallomeri family.

So, as you can see, an ESN card is not just a simple association's card, it is a key to economical advantage for you personally, it's a tool for expanding ESN sections and it is a passport that allows you to be really a part of this network actively.

Some say you can get the same advantages with a simple student card.

There have even been some misunderstandings about this between sections or countries, but I think these discussions have no reason to exist. In some countries, if you want to become a member the purchase of the card, which is very cheap, is required and this has a double aim: first of all it is oxygen for the small sections and, secondly, it is a unifying character which allows us to have some logistic advantages in organising events, in registering, informing and also invol-

ving our members in our activities.

This is evidently very useful, easy and cheap.

Now it's up to you, president or board member of a random section: buy the cards and start to be a part of the pallomeri spirit or continue to give blood and sweat to put together a single bowling game.

by Francesco Creazzo

Secretary of ESN Reggio Calabria



NEP 2008 the Nordic way of organising

Sauna, cottage Vana Tallinn, lots of work, party, synergy of the team and OC, best company consisting of 13 nationalities and 80 participants- these are the keywords for NEP 2008, Tartu ESToNia.

After the arrival of the participants we had a short city tour and introduced the OC. Our first night was a Eurodinner and it was held in an amazing place, a very old yeast factory. The factory is not functioning anymore so we had no restriction on how hard we could celebrate.

The following days of work with the plenary sessions and workshops took place at the University facilities. Since the campus is mainly situated in the centre of Tartu all the venues were easily reachable by foot.

The second night was sauna and cottage time. One of the most beautiful cottages of south Estonia hosted us with an amazing dinner and smoke sauna. A new record was born in 'how many people can fit into jacuzzi sauna', of course many more ESNers than normal people can fit into one. :) A traditional icy water plunge was included in the sauna event.

Last evening: Gunpowder cellar, the highest pub in the world, hosted noisy ESNers and offered large live beers. 'En och twe och vier indianer...' and some Italian songs invited the other guest for a singing battle but after our multy-culty song festival no one really could compete with the NEP choir.

During the last day national platforms and Nordic meeting took place. In this meeting the next host for NEP was elected - we are happy to announce that Stockholm is the next city to hold this amazing event! After this it was time for conclusions and evaluations and after lunch participants started leaving Tartu.

In conclusion, I would like to add that hosting an event like NEP can really broaden your mind and give motivation on a whole new level for the section and also individuals. Everyone from NEP OC agrees that it was a great challenge and we recommend this experience to everyone.

NEP 2008 Organizing Committee would like to thank everybody that made it possible for NEP 2008 to take place in Tartu, Estonia. We would like to thank all the volunteers, Tartu University, the city of Tartu, Archimedes Foundation, our private sponsors, the international board and last but not least big thanks to our wonderful chairs Marco La Rosa, Matthias Kissig and IB member Matthias Fenner.

Pallo-NEP-meri

by Marge Taivere,
National Representative of Estonia
NEP '08 OC





Lost passport, Dalai Lama and kaszanka – CND in Gdańsk go

Winter semester was particularly industrious for ESN Gdańsk. In the beginning of December the Council of National Delegates took place in Gdańsk.

It was very important to keep the good impression which the Annual General Meeting in Gdańsk 2005 made - it was a historical moment when international meetings went out from school gym to exclusive hotels and from food served on plastic plates to porcelain dishes.

The conference craziness started at 7 o'clock a.m. when we opened our small command center in the ESN Office. Our polish proverb 'every country has its own habits' came true at the day of arrivals - it was full of chilled people who changed their plans and didn't inform us. You can imagine how big the amazement of Gdańsk ESNers was when instead of two calm Swedish there was a group of cheerful Spanish to pick up from the airport. Thanks to phenomenal luck and good organisation no one got lost in our great metropolis.

Friday was a special day of meeting the greatest people in the world. We decided to show that Poland is not a 'third world' country and we can afford great debates and important guests. As a morning surprise we took the Delegates to 'Youth Forums' where guests were the Nobel Prize winners: Dalai Lama, Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Fredrik Willem de Klerk, Shirin Ebadi and Jose Ramos-Hort. Not only did the debate make an impression on the participants but also did the scruffy neighbourhood of the Olovian Island where the Philharmonic Hall is. Due to safety measures the access road was blocked and instead of driving along the beautiful Old Town the bus had to drive through tight and not renovated roads at neighbourhood of the sulphur industry.

After an interesting debate delegates focused on discussing about 'Big Things' of our ESN world and we started to prepare

the first coffee break. The plan was very easy: to take kettles, tea and coffee and make a suitable amount of everything in the right time. Of course it just couldn't be as easy as we wish it to be. There was a small lack of the appropriate weapon - cups for coffee. There was no choice; we had to get into a car to the closest market, get through the crowd and find the only carton cups available in the store and... get a call from our colleagues informing that someone already did this. Help of friends: priceless.

We invited all the participants to a formal gala at the South Courtyard in Politechnika. Glamorous music of '4 colours' string quartet and the splendid interior of the courtyard with the pendulum made speeches and summaries magnificent. We diversified the midcentury interior of the courtyard with colourful stands of 'Discover Europe' gallery. As a good-bye we danced to the rhythm of our favourite ESN Gdansk song 'Hey Baby' and almost broke the podium.

Like all, our conference had rules which had to be followed. After a great party the previous night we woke everyone up at 8, without mercy, using loudspeakers and popular music on the hotel hall. Despite few sounds of disapproval we managed to get everyone at the table to eat 'Polish breakfast'. There was a pickled herring, eggs and kaszanka (our traditional sausage made from blood and cereal). French guys didn't really like this Polish start because it didn't feel natural for them.

Eurodinner was very diverse and full. There was a possibility of trying the regional Polish and European delicacies. The absolute hits were Polish pierogi and German drinks on fire which you couldn't extinguish until you drank it all. Nevertheless there were also traditional Italian ravioli and French pancakes. The Eurodinner was quickly transformed into a party. Slovenians presented their national dance and songs, and the

Turkish Board Member couldn't help himself and jumped on to a table and started dancing the 'Tunak Tunak Tun Song' which became a main theme until the end of the conference.

During this CND Bulgaria was officially accepted to join ESN. There were juicy discussions about the 20th anniversary of Erasmus Student Network and how to celebrate it during the whole year, about Give20 organised for UNICEF and other important issues. The moment we all waited and we were scared of the most was the time of summaries and opinions. Despite our fears there were very few negative judgments.

Monday was a day of returns, but not everyone managed to say good-bye to Poland so easily. The Turkish Delegate was an example of absolutely bad luck, losing his passport in one of Gdańsk night clubs. What could we do? We hosted him in our homes until the situation was clarified and the passport was found.

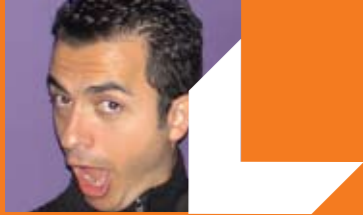
Those few days brought us a lot of joy and happiness as we had a well organised conference and that managed to keep the good name of ESN Gdańsk.

This would have not happened without the huge support of the Gdańsk University of Technology, particularly Professor Waldemar Kamrat, Professor Adam Zieliński and all workers of the International Affairs Office.

CND wouldn't be such a success without the hard work of the CNR Coordination Team and off course all our section who we want to thank!

*by Katarzyna Kozłowska
section member, ESN Gdańsk*





Ibiza trip 2009

Hola!
Do you want to feel ESN? Do you want to be a part of the biggest and craziest ESN event of the whole year? Do you want to enjoy the great company of ESNers and International students in Ibiza, Spain?

I do! I do! I do!
Then join us on the island of Ibiza on the 13-17th May where the most amazing events and parties will happen.

ESN Spain invites ESNers from all over Europe to join in and experience the Spanish rhythm in this unique way. 5 days, 4 nights, 2 islands and 2000 exchange students await us to show the ESN way of life.

We will enjoy sandy beaches and trips to other islands during the day and in the evening the hottest spots of Ibiza are booked for us to party the night away. The Formentera Island is a piece of paradise on earth and the trip there is also included!

The participation fee 105 EUR includes 4 nights in a "Spanish apartment", 3 nights of parties and welcome drinks, transportation to the parties, boat trip to the other island, city tours. So you have to get yourself on the island and pay for your food and drinks - basically everything else is arranged.

Registration is open until the 15th of April, but be quick to pay and register as the number of spots for ESNers is limited to just 100. Ibiza Island is easily accessible by boat (Barcelona, Alicante) or plane with Easyjet, Ryanair and other charters.

Please see further information at:
<http://www.ibiza.esn-spain.org/>
or email info
ibiza@esn-spain.org

All the best and
Ohoh - we flying to Ibiza wohoo, to have a party!
OC of Ibiza09

*by Jordi Piulats,
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A weekend at the ESN House

On 29th of January the First Recruitment Weekend organised by the International Board took place at the ESN House in Brussels. It aimed to allow the potential candidates for the year 2009/2010 to come together and face each other and, the most important thing, to make them become aware of what their duties should be in case of election.

We were 7 in total, from different parts of Europe: Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, UK...and the group of the tenants of the House and of the Office made the melt even bigger: Swiss, Czech Republic, Turkey, Poland, Portugal...

Both the ESN House and the ESN Office are very nice and cosy and it was comfortable to stay there despite of the huge number of persons. We especially liked the House, 3 floors flat with a huge living room perfect for relaxing and sharing fun moments with other people (there's even a karaoke!).

In the first night there was a cooking contest and a small party; we were more or less 15 people, plus some other guests: it was the best way for starting to know each other.

On Friday we woke up quite early, the Board firstly welcomed us again and asked us to present ourselves. After that, we went together to the ESN Office for a day of Job Shadowing; experiencing the tasks of the different positions allowed all of us to clear up our own minds about how ESN International works.

After such an intensive day, we relaxed at home having a very nice dinner, chatting and listening to some music.

On Saturday the International Board arranged a small Board Meeting for us, and doing so they showed us the other side of their work: beyond the individual job of every single member, in fact, there are several things to do as a group, what is fundamental in order to sustain the everyday efforts of the entire network.

That night there was a party organised by ESN gathering representatives of almost all of the Youth Associations in Brussels: it was amazing to meet people living experience similar to the ones we have every day.

The best of this weekend was to share moments of work and of reflection with people of different parts of Europe: this is the real core of the ESN adventure!!!

*by Valentina Settomini
section member, ESN Bologna*





What Erasmus really is :)

20 years. When you think about it you realise “that’s a long time!” Indeed, if you think about it, 20 years is the age of many of the Erasmus students during this school year. It also means they truly are the Erasmus generation, possibly even “Erasmus babies” – it’s not uncommon to find couples who met during Erasmus or during the twists and turns of the post-Erasmus life itself.

During these two decades a simple name – Erasmus – became the symbol of a whole generation, of a new lifestyle, an international and intercultural brand of mobility, personal development and discovery. What started as a programme from the European Commission to stimulate people’s mobility became a life-changing experience for many and a valuable item on several CV’s for internationally-oriented companies and organisations.

Ask anyone who ‘went on Erasmus’, how it was. What they felt and learnt. In the end, what’s that of ‘being an Erasmus’? You’ll get plenty of different answers, a lot of ‘hmmmm’ and nostalgic whispers. You’ll probably hear ‘Erasmus changed me and my life’. But in the end it is still difficult to explain it by words. It’s hard to rationalise how on earth a few months spent abroad, at a mostly unknown country, could create such strong bonds between people, such incredible experiences and mostly (and most difficult) so many life and personality changes.

Together with the programme, this new generation of enthusiastic internationally-minded students was also formed and grew exponentially year over year; people that had lived their experience abroad, people who met other people that had experienced it, even people that for one reason or another couldn’t experience the Erasmus themselves (at least not outside of their own country). And from this will of extending this life experience, of giving back to others at least as much as they have received or for the pure joy and curiosity of meeting people from

all over the world, the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) was born, as the voice of this generation and a catalyst of experiences.

Being an ESN member is an incredible way of meeting all these great people, creating life-long friendships and numerous stories for telling your grandkids, while you develop a wider cultural background and learn to be more tolerant and respectful of other cultures and people. You find yourself within an organisation dealing and working with different people, sharing ideas, problems, endless coffees, crazy trips, wild parties and countless hours of meetings and organising activities... In the end, your life blends with ESN, with the famous and unexplainable ‘Erasmus spirit’ and you realise that you’ve grown, together with the organisation and that after all of it, life feels, smells and tastes differently. Better...

Thank you and happy birthday ESN!!!

*by Claudio Costa,
National Representative of Portugal*



Erasmus Mundus: The next step?

Everybody who ever wanted to participate in an Erasmus exchange probably has a certain sense of adventure. We set forth to seek what lies beyond what we know. We have a passion to discover new things and to meet new people. Upon returning home, it becomes clear how much the experience has changed us. Many of us will have picked up a new language, we now have a network of friends throughout Europe and during our stay abroad we have discovered new aspects of who we are and how we want to live our lives. But what for those that want more? The Erasmus Mundus program is mostly known for its European masters, but its External Cooperation Window also offers the opportunity for European students to enjoy an exchange program far beyond the borders of our continent. Financed by the European Union, it has established partnership agreements with universities from the Middle East, Central Asia, the Caucasus and many others. The program provides each participating student with a grant for travel expenses, health insurance and a monthly allowance for a stay of a minimum 6 months, up to two years.

Given this opportunity, I chose to study at the Kyrgyz Economic University in Bishkek from February to July 2009. Although having visited many European countries, I had always lacked the financial means to discover those cultures which lay in the more distant parts of our world. On top of this, I wanted to make good use of my stay in Kyrgyzstan to learn Russian, their second national language after Kyrgyz. With little knowledge of my destination I could only braze myself for the culture shock, and prepare myself to minimize the difficulties which naturally arise from the language barrier. Those of you which already had some experience studying in a foreign country know that the procedures to register as a temporary resident and the efforts to organise your courses at the host university can be complicated and time consuming. I know that

I will have to live in a culture which it is very different from what I am used to and that this will not be without some difficulty. However, I will be prepared for the unexpected, take my journey one day at a time and enjoy every day of this great adventure.

*by Gaetan Vanistendael
Erasmus Mundus student*



Hey darlings!

*Sveiki mieliai! :)
(in Lithuanian)*

Ar kada nors jautėtės, lyg gimę antrą kartą? Ne? Mums tai pavyko, mes atvažiavome čia, į nuostabią Italiją, į grožio, meno, studijų ir vakarėlių miestą Padovą :D Erasmus dienomis čia mėgaujamės jau penktas mėnuo, ir apie išvažiavimą namo stengiamės nė negalvoti. Kaip viskas prasidėjo? Ogi nuo to, kad sėdėjome ant grindų priešais koordinatorės kabinetą ir sutikome pirmuosius savo Erasmus'o likimo draugus. O tada...viskas ir prasidėjo! □ Pirmosios išvykos su ESN, pirmieji šokio judesiai Banalėje, kelionės lankant nuostabias Italijos vietas, nacionalinių patiekalų gaminimas Nievo bendrabutyje. Mokslai? Keista... o mums tikrai reikia eiti į paskaitas?? :DDD

Tikimės, kad visi, kurie atvyksta čia, mėgaujasi gyvenimu taip kaip mes. Nebijokim, išbandykim viską, ką gyvenimas mums gali duoti.

Susitikime Banalėje! :D

(English translation)

Have you ever felt like being born for the second time? No? We did, coming here to amazing Italy, to the beauty, art, study and party town of Padova. We are enjoying our Erasmus studies here for five months and don't want to think about going back home. How has everything started? By sitting on the floor next to the coordinator's door and meeting our first Erasmus friends. And then...everything happened! The first trips with ESN, first dancing steps in Banale, journeys to the most wonderful places of Italy, preparing national dishes in Nievo residence. Studies? Strange...do we really need to go to the lectures???

We hope that everybody who gets the opportunity to feel what Erasmus means is enjoying their time like us! Don't be scared, let's try everything life is planning for us.

Meet you all in Banale! :D

*by Monika Lopataite
ir Ramune Serapinaite, Lithuania*



One year in Padova – that's definitely not enough

*Ein Jahr in Padua ist viel zu kurz
(in German)*

Als ich im September nach Padua kam, wusste ich nur, dass die Stadt zwischen Verona und Venedig liegt, circa 220 000 Einwohnern hat und, dass ich einer von fast 63 000 Studenten sein werde. Mittlerweile weiß ich, dass es wunderschön ist, in Padua zu leben. Zwar besitzt die Stadt nicht ganz so viele Sehenswürdigkeiten wie andere italienische Städte, bietet aber ein enorm vielfältiges Freizeitangebot. Dies liegt sicherlich auch an der geografischen Lage. Im Winter sind Skiausflüge in die nahegelegenen italienischen Alpen genauso leicht zu organisieren, wie ein Tagesausflug an die Adria oder den Gardasee. Besonders schön sind die von ESN- Padua organisierten Ausflüge nach Venedig, die sich 'Bacarata' nennen. Man trifft sich mit vielen Erasmusstudenten und geht dann von einer kleinen, charakteristischen Bar zur anderen, trinkt meist zu viel Wein, genießt italienische Snacks und lernt Venedig aus einem anderen Blickwinkel kennen. Dies ist aber nur eines von vielen Beispielen, wie man die Erasmuszeit in Padua verbringen kann. Ein Jahr ist viel zu kurz ...

(English translation)

When I came to Padova in September, I knew only that this city lies between Verona and Venice, that it has approximately 220 000 inhabitants and I'll become one of the 63 000 students there. Meanwhile, I got to know how beautiful it is to live in Padova. Admittedly, the city doesn't have as many sightseeings as other Italian cities, offers, however, an enormous number of entertainment facilities. This depends obviously also on the geographical position. During the winter the skiing trips in the neighbouring Italian Alps are as easy to organise as the day trip to Adria or to the Garda Lake. Especially beautiful are the trips organised by ESN Padova to Venice which are called 'Bacarata'. You can meet a lot of Erasmus students and go then to a typical small bar, drink too much wine, enjoy Italian snacks and get to know Venice from another point of view. This is only one example on how you can spend your Erasmus time in Padova. One year is definitely not enough...

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