



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student information

Study programme WU	Taco Reijnders
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	14/07/2024 until 19/07/2024
Exchange destination: University	Tuscia University
Faculty	Department for Innovation in Biological, Agro-Food and Forest System
Country	Italy
City	Pieve Tesino

2. Motivation for exchange

a. Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To get in touch with students from other countries.

b. What is the reason you chose for this country?

The weather, the nature, the culture and the food.

c. What is the reason you chose for this university?

They hosted the summer school.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

a. Do you have any advice about reaching your exchange destination?

If you travel by train, make sure to leave space for delays when transferring.

4. University and studying

a. Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	F LAND24	3	Summer School about redesigning marginal areas in the Italian Alpine region	5	Very intensive but worthwhile.

a) I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses that were taught in English.

Yes, however this exchange was a Summer School, which is only one course.

b) I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses in my field of interest.

Yes, however this exchange was a Summer School, which is only one course.

c) I am satisfied with the level of the courses that I followed.

Yes, especially because of having teachers and students from different universities and different academic levels.

d) I am satisfied, in the end, with the selection of courses I followed

Yes, very interesting topic and very interesting.

e) What is it like to study there?

The study load was very large while it was a short and intensive programme. However the beautiful environment compensated for this.

f) What is the culture of the university?

Teachers were very nice and eager to help.

g) What does the university offer students additionally?

We were not studying at the university but rather at their Alpine Study Center, nice place and we had breakfast and dinner included from a nearby restaurant.

5. Housing-traveling-living

a. What are the possibilities for housing?

A shared room in the Study Centre was included.

b. What is the culture like?

Better food than in the Netherlands.

c. Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

Cheap but not the best infrastructure since the area is remote.

6. Expenses

a. Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?

Category	Expenses
Travelling there	260
Visa - if applicable	-

Vaccinations - if applicable	-
Insurances (extra) - if applicable	-
Daytrips/sight-seeing	included
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation	included
Grocery costs per month	5/10 per day
Public transport costs per month	-
Restaurant/going out for dinner costs per month	included

b. The price levels were in general [higher; lower; equal] in comparison to in the Netherlands: Lower

b. Additional remarks regarding expenses?

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7. Free time

a. What are must-sees in the area?

Visiting Trento after the programme finished is worthwhile, it has nice architecture, nice food and lots to see.

b. What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth seeing/doing?

The view from the hill, using the cable cart.

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

a. Any challenges? How did you deal with them?

Delays in the train, rebooked some and just take it step by step.

b. Best memory?

Nights under the stars in the Alpine, with a glass of wine of course.

9. Contact details

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