

ERASMUS-EXPERIENCE REPORT

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Field of study: Renewable raw materials (NawaRo)

Host institution: Polymer Materials Engineering (IMP), University Claude Bernard Lyon 1

Year of study: 3

Duration of stay: from 04.10.2021 to 04.04.2022

Publication of the report

I consent to the publication of this experience report including the above data (field of study, host institution, year of study, duration of stay) on the website of BOKU-International Relations for the purpose of sharing information related to the study visit, so that future interested outgoings can inform themselves about your experience at the host institution.

yes **no**

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THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR FUTURE OUTGOINGS:

1. **City, country and people + social integration**
Lyon is a very beautiful French city with moderate climate in Summer and Winter. Whole Lyon has a stunning architecture, especially inside the old city where roads are getting narrow, and no cars are allowed. Lyon is great for cycling, so bring a cycle or rent one. Lyon is not far from the French alps within 1 hour you can go hiking, skiing and whatever mountains can provide. Since I already knew people living in Lyon, I got good socially integrated.
2. **Accommodation**
I found a nice studio apartment not far from the campus and in a good area for an affordable price, but I started to look for it in the end of the previous semester.
3. **Costs and expenses**
The living cost in France are higher. I spend around 1.5 times on food what I spend in Vienna. Public transportation is very affordable, and for 16 €/a you can get public bicycles everywhere in the city.
4. **Arrival and departure (mean of transport)**
Lyon metropolitan area is the 2nd populates area in France. Trains are running to all of France, Germany, Switzerland. Bus connections are also available to Italy.
5. **Other (visa, insurance, etc.)**
You don't have to do much besides informing the local authorities where you are living.
6. **Description of host institution/internship provider**
The laboratory IMP is doing research in polymerchemistry with the focus on biopolymers (Chitin, Chitosan, Glucans). The laboratory is in Lyons campus with all kinds of labs next to the Rhone in the north of the city. When the IMP didn't have the instrument, another lab close helped.
7. **Internship support on site**
I worked freely on my internship topic. Once a week I had a meeting with my supervisor. Besides that, I could ask anybody in the lab about help and their experience.
8. **Registration process in advance**
I contacted the Professor of the receiving institution by myself it took a me one interview and I got the internship.
9. **Tips and other things you should know**
If you come to France, it is good to know at least some French.
Lyon has nice greenery around the city which is explorable by bus and walking but I would strongly suggest you bring a bicycle to Lyon.
10. **Summary**
I enjoyed the stay in Lyon very much, it is a small (at least from the feeling) city where you can find everything you need. I like Lyon very much, and since the chemical industry is big in Lyon, I am searching for a Job in Lyon after my finishing my Thesis.