HOUSING GUIDE
Your student accommodation abroad!
1. Start searching as soon as possible!

As soon as you know your destination and even before it is assigned to you, search and compare all available verified options online. You have sites like Erasmus Play at your disposal to compare prices and options.

2. Know your budget

It is essential to know in advance your budget and the costs you will have to cover each month of the year, so that you can choose accommodation that you can afford as it will be your main source of expenses.

The first month you will have to pay:
- the first month’s rent,
- the deposit,
- the booking fee, if applicable.

The rest of the year:
- your monthly rent,
- electricity / gas and internet bills if they are not included in the rent,
- other costs not related to accommodation: studies, transport, food expenses, entertainment, etc.

Don’t forget you can ask for the Erasmus grant!

How to apply?

Even if grants are a great help to get off on the right foot, it is advisable to carefully anticipate your budget, as it can vary a lot depending on the destination.
Understand the rental process
Renting in most European countries is very similar: you agree on the monthly payment with the landlord and sign a rental contract. You pay the first month and a deposit. Through this simple process in many countries the accommodation is now rented to you.

Additionally, in countries like France and Germany you will need a Guarantor (a person who earns 3 times the price of your rent and guarantees to pay for you in case you are unable to pay). Some accommodation platforms or some companies can stand in as Guarantor for you for free or for a low subscription price.

In Germany, the landlords might even want to interview you and ask to prove that you are a student.
WHICH TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

SHARE APARTMENT
- Cheap
- Social life
- Shared chores
- Easy friendship

PRIVATE STUDIO
- Independent
- Expensive
- Less social life
- Few options

STUDENT RESIDENCE
- Expensive
- Social life
- Strict rules
- Support

HOMESTAY
- Cultural lessons
- Less freedom
- Strict rules
- Less social life

IMPORTANT CRITERIAS

Interior vs Exterior light
Do you want to have direct sunlight or to use artificial light every day?

Furniture & Appliances
You are only going to stay for some months. Having it furnished is the best option as not to spend more money.

Transport
How far is it from your place of study/the city centre? Is there good public transport connections? Is it a good neighbourhood?

Quiet vs Active Areas
Is it a good neighbourhood or is it an active one where you can not get a good night sleep?

Analyse each housing option with its advantages and disadvantages to choose the most suitable type of housing for your lifestyle and needs. You can also read our blog article about it: Student flat or hall of residence: which is the best option?
TIPS FOR LIVING WITH FLATMATES

Choose flatmates with a similar lifestyle to yours: Choose someone who is similar to you in terms of order, schedules, parties, ...

Organise the housework: it is important that you divide up the tasks as soon as possible. Making a common calendar can help!

Share common expenses: Some rents don’t include common expenses such as internet or heating.

Respect the privacy of your roommates: The bedroom is the most important space for privacy in the house.

Let them know when someone is visiting you: Try to not bother your flatmates with parties or meetings when they want to study or sleep.

Make plans together: To improve your relationship with your flatmates, there is nothing better than making plans together!

DOWNLOAD THE APP AND FIND YOUR FUTURE FLATMATES!

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UNDERSTAND YOUR CONTRACT

1. Monthly rent
   Ask the landlord if the monthly rent is going to be the same every month. As it might vary from month to month.

2. Housing expenses
   Are the utility bills (internet, water, electricity) included in the monthly price or will you have to pay for it at the end of each month? If so, how much can it be approximately?

3. Duration of contract
   Does the lease match the period of your stay? If not, make sure you can leave the accommodation before the date indicated, and find out how long the notice period is.

4. Rules and regulations
   Know the rules of the accommodation that you should abide.

5. Deposit & Commissions
   Depending on who you are renting with, you might have to pay a booking fee or administration one time fee. Know the amount too.

What’s a deposit?

The deposit is a guarantee which will be given back to you after your stay if you leave the accommodation in the same condition as it was when you entered. The deposit is usually 1 or 2 times the first month rent.
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
- Madrid
- Berlin
- Dublin

DO YOU WANT TO...
Meet other Erasmus students before your arrival
Find roommates in your Erasmus destination

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[Images of the app interface showing chats and groups]
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