

Session: International friendliness of universities

Aim of session: To make the participants learn more about student experiences; to reflect about their own views on student experience and whether or not these views correspond to reality.

Material needed: Nothing except from than the ESNsurvey from 2016. It can be downloaded at <https://esn.org/esnsurvey/2016>.

Time of session: Around two hours.

Description of session: In this assignment the participants look at a survey from 2016 called “The international friendliness of universities”. The survey was done by the Erasmus Student Network and had about 12 000 respondents from students. The questions in the survey all relate to student experiences. In the assignment, the participants look at their own institutions and reply to questions based both on their own experience and based on findings from the survey. It thus complements the previous assignment, which also looked at international student experience but from a university perspective rather than a student perspective.

The following text can be added in the assignment:

“In the previous assignment we looked at student experience from the universities' side. In this assignment we will look at it from the students' perspectives.

Below you can find a survey report called "The International Friendliness of Universities". It was done by the Erasmus Student Network in 2016 and looks at different parts of international student experiences. We would now ask you to have a look at the document; we do not expect you to thoroughly read all of it, but please browse through it and take some notes of what seems to be the most relevant parts of "international student experience".

For this assignment, please complete the questions in this quiz [link]. As you will see, the first questions are about your own university and about your perception of things. The second part is about results of the survey and you will have to find the answers in there.”

The actual quiz can be created in any quiz/survey programme, for example google docs or Survey Monkey.

It is important that the trainer summarizes the answers from the participants, so that he/she is prepared to lead the discussions at the following webinar.

Other notes: This assignment serves as a starting point for the webinar, where the answers are discussed.