

Welcome back to my blog future Erasmus students!

Last time I wrote about the parties and the places we visited. This time I would like to inform you about some details of what you should be aware of when you choose Belgium/Gent for your Erasmus.

First of all the most important thing is the bank card. Some places only accept the 'Bancontact' card. You have to ask before you do your shopping if you don't want to have an uncomfortable situation at the cashier. Always bring some cash with yourself!



The next thing is the transport. They have bus strikes very often, also sometimes the bus is late for more than 20 minutes or just not coming at all. Sounds annoying I know.. However there is another option, you can ride a bike. It's cheaper and as you might know, Belgium has a big cycling culture. If you choose cycling you have to deal with the weather! :D Sometimes the weather can be very windy and rainy.



Eating out or cooking at home? Well, there is a big variety of restaurants, eating out in Belgium is pricey. Honestly, under 10 euros you can't have lunch in Gent. I wrote before that the university canteen has a meal for 4 euros but I realized that it's usually pasta. I advise you to cook at home instead of going to a restaurant so you can save some money for traveling or parties. ;)



What I also realized very soon is that Belgian people are so open-minded and they care a lot about climate change and human rights. These topics are in their everyday life. As a foreigner it can be strange for you so in my next blog I would like to tell you more about that.