



Please insert here at least one **PHOTO** of your traineeship stay abroad! Preferred motives are photos of your accommodation, of your work place, of being at work. Attention! Due to legal considerations we kindly ask you to send us only photos that have been taken by yourself!



STUDENT DETAILS

University department / faculty: **Maschinenbau**
Field of study: **Integrated Design Engineering IDE**
Home university: **Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg**
Nationality: **Deutsch / Mexikannisch**
Duration of traineeship (from ...to...): **March 2021 - March 2022**

TRAINEESHIP INSTITUTION

Country: **Belgium**
Name of traineeship institution: **Robert Bosch Productie**
Web page: **<https://www.bosch.be/nl/ons-bedrijf/bosch-in-belgie/tienen>**
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EXPERIENCE REPORT (approx. 3 pages + more photos if applicable)

1) Traineeship institution

Please give a brief description of your host traineeship institution.

I wanted to do my internship in an International company so I applied and got a position at Robert Bosch Productie NV (Tienen), also called Bosch Manufacturing and Services Belgium. It belongs to the Bosch Group which is one of the world's leaders in the development and manufacturing of wiper arms and wiper blades. The branch in Tienen was established in 1974 and it focuses into the following four areas:

- Product development of wiper arms and blades

- Rubber: compounding, coating, injection molding and extrusion
- Metal stamping
- Automatic and manual assembly techniques for the wiper arms and blades

the lead plant in Tienen supports as well the production sites in Asia, Eastern Europe and South America.

2) Searching for a traineeship

How did you find your traineeship? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

I asked the workers from the Erasmus program for the list of positions and company where other interns had already been, they were very friendly and supportive and sent me the list immediately.

I applied to three or four of the companies of the list and within a week i had an interview with the Bosch company.

3) Preparation

How did you prepare for your traineeship in terms of language, intercultural, professional and organisational aspects? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

To be completely honest I did not prepared myself for the internship at all. i talked with my boss from Bosch and he told me that i would learn everything that i needed to know by working there. i lived in the northern part of Belgium so almost everyone speaks perfect English and at Bosch most speak german as well. the only thing i did in advance while being in Germany was finding a place to stay.

4) Accommodation

How did you find your accommodation? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Once i had signed my contract with Bosch, the secretary sent me a list of places where i could stay in Tienen. But since i preferred living in a bigger city with lots of students instead of a town i decided to move to a city called Leuven. Leuven is a beautiful city full of life and night activities which is only 15 minutes away from Tienen. i just searched for a Student residency on the internet and found one near the city center. I lived in Leuven for the first six months of my internship and was a great time, but also the rent in Leuven is very expensive (was paying around 650 Euros a month + the traveling everyday to Tienen). While working at Bosch I met all the other interns who told me that they were all living together in a big house (around 8 persons) in Tienen, i visited the house, met all the people and decided to move to the house as well and it has also been a great experience since we all work together there and there are people from different nationalities such as India, Pakistan, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Germany, Mexico and so on. i would recommend staying in one of this houses as well since you will meet great people and become good friends really quick, the rent is not expensive, and Bosch is in walking distance from the houses. (if you have interest in staying in such a place or have any questions regarding the internship or anything else you can allways send me an email or give me call)

5) Traineeship

Please describe the tasks and / or the projects carried out during your traineeship. In which way were you mentored and integrated? How were the working conditions? Did you have especially positive or negative experiences?

when i started the internship, I used to get kind of repetitive boring tasks like conductig measurements and or doing technical drawings of in cad designed pieces. with time my mentor started giving me more challenging tasks and moderating and preparing presentations which made my internship much´more interesting.

6) Acquired qualifications

Which qualifications and skills could you acquire or improve during your traineeship?

i think that the most important thing i learned out of this experience was to moderate the meetings with experts

from different fields and to be diligent at work and give tasks and ask for help to others even if they had been longer in the company than me.

7) Country-specific features

Are there any specific traineeship regulations in the target country that affected you as an Erasmus trainee (e.g. France: housing allowance, convention de stage? If yes, which ones? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Bosch pays ist interns 700 euros per month

8) Visa, residence and work permit (only for international students)

Which prearrangements had to be made in terms of visa, residence and work permit? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

no, everything is super easy. nothing extra is needed

9) Other

Is there anything else you want to let other students know?

Belgium is a very nice country and most people are friendly. everyone (in the northern part) speaks perfect english and the food ,beer and chocolates are great. it just rains a lot. but people kind of get used to it. i really would recommend it. worth traveling there and there are a lot of beautiful cities to discover

10) Conclusion

What is the conclusion drawn after your traineeship experience abroad?

great experience!! 10/10 would recommend

Declaration of consent

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