

Final traineeship report **[C1]** ERASMUS traineeship – Academic Year 2024 / 2025

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Your report will be made available to other students looking for traineeships. Therefore, please make sure to provide important websites and other helpful information!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Host country:	Italy
Program of study:	Architecture
Home university:	RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau
Professional field of traineeship:	Architecture
Language of work:	English
Duration of traineeship:	from 08/01/2025 (dd / mm / yyyy) to 10/03/2025 (dd / mm / yyyy)

ORGANISATION/ENTERPRISE OF THE TRAINEESHIP

Name of receiving organization/enterprise	Pihlmann Architects, Danish Pavillion, Venice Biennale 2025
Street/P.O. Box:	Refshalevej 213B
Postal code and city:	1432 Copenhagen
Country:	Denmark
Website:	pihlmann.dk
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BEFORE – Information about preparing for the traineeship abroad

Please fill the following fields in in a detailed manner and give exact information about your search and preparation (websites, tips, contacts, etc.) for the traineeship.

Search for traineeship:	I found out about the office through a professor and a congress.
Application (process, unsolicited application, interview, etc.):	Initiative application. In January of 2025. I made first contact with an email introducing myself. After that I had an online interview.

Search for accommodation:	There was a company apartment provided for all workers at the pavilion.
Insurances:	DAAD
Telephone/Internet access in the host country:	I used my German phone contract.
Bank/opening an account:	Not necessary.
Helpful websites / Other things:	Erasmus Instagram account of each city for general Informations and search of apartments.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAINEESHIP

Please fill the following fields in a detailed manner and give exact information about the traineeship as such (websites, tips, contacts, etc.).

Type of traineeship:	Architecture trainee
Tasks within the traineeship: Could you apply learned skills and knowledge? Were the tasks too much / not enough? etc.	Tasks were given in the fields of hands on construction, material studies, exhibition design, personal management. Tasks in all fields were challenging and applied all fields of studies. Because of the provided assistance and pleasant work field I never had the feeling of too much work.
Supervision (introductory/concluding conversation, weekly/monthly feedback, etc.)	The introductory and concluding conversation was carried out with a colleague. Feedback was given consecutively by the head of the office and the other workers.
Social contacts during the traineeship:	I collaborated with people from renowned firms such as LEHM AG and LUMA ATELIER. Outside of that I made lots of contacts with Erasmus Students from all over Venice.
Language skills (benefits, improvements, etc.):	I trained my english language skills in work specific context. The main language spoken on site were English/ French/Italian/German. Therefore I had to also train multiple language skills.
Short overall evaluation of your stay abroad: Private / professional benefit? What were your expectations? Were these fulfilled? What was particularly good / not so good?	I'm more then happy that I had and took the chance of doing the internship at the biennale. I think there's a huge professional and personal benefit of doing an internship abroad. It trained my adaptation skills. My expectations were more then met. The work environment and the work itself already made the stay abroad a great experience.

Duration of the traineeship: Too short, just right, too long? Recommendations for an optimal length of time?	For my situation of only having a free time slot of 1 month over the holidays the length was optimal. In other situations I would recommend a duration of 3 to 6 months.
Average monthly expenses abroad in €; Additional costs in contrast to expenses in Germany:	Public Transport is 35€ + 100€ per Month. The travel cost to go abroad can be very high. Generally speaking groceries are slightly more expensive in Venice. The price range for restaurants and bars starts quite low but can get very expensive
What should one absolutely know / keep in mind?	Keep in mind to apply as early as possible. Also be aware of additional expenses that might be caused due to unexpected events.
Are you of the opinion that the traineeship will benefit you in your future professional career? If yes, how? If not, why?	Yes, definitely. The skills learned can be applied in future positions.
Can you recommend this traineeship? (Please be sure to elaborate) If yes, would the organization/enterprise accept trainees in the future?	Yes, definitely. The learned skills, personal development and contacts made made the internship an essential step in my academic and professional career.
Helpful websites / Other things:	After an Erasmus and Erasmus+ stay I have to say that an apartment can make or brake big parts of the experience. I highly recommend to try to find a good located accommodation in a good condition. Try to find an apartment or contacts well before the stay and consider visiting the city weeks/months before the stay in order to find an apartment. Otherwise the office might be helpful in finding accommodation.

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