

EURASIA ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL CO-OPERATION WINDOW

Questionnaire for Students (BSc, MSc, PhD)

You are being asked to complete this questionnaire because you participated in an exchange as part of the “**EURASIA**” – **EM ECW project**. This questionnaire will ask you how satisfied you were with the experience and how important specific components of the experience were to you, in order to get your opinion about how the exchange programme can be improved. Your honest answer responses will be kept confidential and will help us improve the programme. This questionnaire should take fewer than 20 minutes to complete.

Enter your name here: **Blanka Krivankova**

I am from: Please name Home University

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

I did my exchange at: Please name Host University

Chiang Mai University

What were your main fields of study or research?	Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Research with title: „The Inventory and Comparisons: Plant species conserved by <i>in-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> techniques in villages of Chiang Mai District“
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SECTION 1: Components of the Exchange Experience

How important to you was this component of the exchange experience at the beginning of your study abroad period?		How satisfied were you with this component of your exchange experience?
Not at all important	Extremely important	Not at all satisfied
Extremely satisfied		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. Information about the <i>host culture</i> I received prior to departure.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. General information about the <i>host university</i> I received prior to departure.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Specific information I received prior to the exchange about <i>learning opportunities available</i> at the host university.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	4. <i>Internet-based information and tools</i> that helped me prepare for the exchange.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Information about <i>travel regulations and required documentation</i> I received prior to departure.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. <i>Orientation</i> to the host university I received upon arrival.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7. <i>Courses</i> I took at the host university.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		

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Not at all important		Extremely important				Not at all satisfied		Extremely satisfied			
1	2	3	4	5		8. The <i>internship</i> I had at the host country (if applicable)	1	2	3	4	5
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Comments:											
1	2	3	4	5		9. My <i>living arrangements</i> in the host country.	1	2	3	4	5
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Comments:											
1	2	3	4	5		10. My <i>language proficiency</i> during most of the exchange.	1	2	3	4	5
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Comments:		There was no Thai language course offered to the students apart from one 1-day lesson after 4 month of my stay there. I think I could benefit even more from the whole exchange if I'd have this opportunity.									
1	2	3	4	5		11. <i>Personal friendships</i> I made in the host culture.	1	2	3	4	5
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Comments:											
1	2	3	4	5		12. My <i>participation in cultural life</i> of the host country.	1	2	3	4	5
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Comments:		The host university was very caring and welcoming to the foreign students in this aspect. They let us participate in lot of student activities and gave us a great opportunity to experience more of Thai culture and get closer to it.									
1	2	3	4	5		13. My <i>financial resources</i> during the exchange.	1	2	3	4	5
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Comments:		The first month was a little bit more demanding but the rest of exchange was covered perfectly.									

SECTION 2: Benefits of the Exchange Experience

To what extent do you agree with each statement?	Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree				
<p>14. While in the host country my language skills improved.</p> <p>Comments: Unfortunately there were no lessons of Thai language at the university thus no opportunity for students to improve their language there. The only improvements I made were thanks to my new friends because self-study is almost impossible in the beginnings because of complexity of this language.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>15. I made friends among the members of the host culture.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>16. I know more now because of the exchange experience than I knew before about the host country's cultural life.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>17. I made valuable professional contacts while in the host country.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>18. I learned how things in my field are done differently in another culture.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>19. I had practical experiences in the host country that will make me a better professional.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>20. The exchange experience was of high value for my degree studies.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>21. The exchange experience was of high value for my social-cultural understanding.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>22. The exchange experience was of high value for my personal development.</p> <p>Comments: I just would like to state once again that this exchange was very beneficial and of a very high value for me. Not only for my personal life but for my professional life too and gave me more insights about the way of doing things in my field of study and some other fields and about the whole culture and living in it. I am really very grateful to you for affording me opportunity to gain this experience.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 3: Improving the Programme

Please share your top three recommendations for how this programme can be improved.

Recommendation One:

I don't think this programme itself needs a lot of improvements. If I'd suggested some improvements it would be more for universities themselves and their information giving to students and communication with them. I am giving some examples to make myself more clear: The length and the beginning of school terms differs according the countries and there is a lack of information for students before their departure about that. It is very important for a student to know where is the best time to depart for the country not to arrive in the middle of term and have no subjects to attend though.

Also is very unclear which of the courses are lead in English and which not and this may cause some troubles after arriving and finding out too.

Recommendation Two:

Another recommendation would be about language courses in the host countries. It would be very helpful to assure there some language courses for the students or if not to inform them in advance not to have some false expectations.

Recommendation Three:

Please submit the questionnaire to the project co-ordinator:

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