Dear Erasmus Students!!!

It is our pleasure that you've chosen Athens for your Erasmus period. We are more than sure that you are going to have a great time and we are here to help you with this! 😊

But who are we???

Our student association is ESN Athens AUEB. We are a non-profit, non-political student organization run entirely by volunteers of Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB). Our mission is to foster student mobility in Higher Education under the principle of Students Helping Students.

Our team is here to make your Erasmus period unique, full of different, unforgettable experiences! We organise events, parties, trips, cultural and sport activities JUST FOR YOU!!!

Are you ready to live the BEST experience of your life???

Now, let's get this awesome experience called ERASMUS on the road!!!

1. Communication

In order to communicate with us and get information about our upcoming events you should:

1st step: Join our mailing list!
This is very important! The mailing list is one of our basic communication tools!!!
The mailing list for the Spring semester 2012-13 is:
https://groups.google.com/d/forum/esn-athens-aueb2012-2013
Please apply for membership!
The language used in the mailing list is ENGLISH ONLY!!

2nd step: Be a friend of ESN Athens AUEB on facebook and feel free to like our pictures – soon there will be your pictures as well!
https://www.facebook.com/esnathens

3rd step: Like the Facebook page for the Erasmus Students of AUEB ( ERASMUS@AUEB)
https://www.facebook.com/ESN.Athens.AUEB
This is our page on Facebook, particularly created for YOU and all the Erasmus people of AUEB in order to help you interact with your fellow Erasmus & communicate with your friends, fast and easy! Get in touch with people you will meet in Athens, BEFORE YOU ARRIVE IN ATHENS!! Excited? If so, then LIKE it ;-)!

4th step: For any questions you may have we are always available for you, feel free to contact us via email:
aueb@esnathens.gr

5th step: Check our website regularly http://aueb.esnathens.gr and our blog http://esnathens.wordpress.com/ to get all the latest info!

2. Buddy System

APPLY for your Greek Buddy :) The last 6 years we have successfully been organizing the Buddy System!!!

What is the Buddy System?
With the buddy system we bring you in contact with Greek people before your arrival in Athens. They are usually students that have already been abroad for Erasmus studies that can feel your stresses and are able to help you settle down smoothly. We have also been Erasmus students and we know that the first days are a bit difficult. Also, through the buddy system you can get in touch with the Greek culture from the inside ;)

Why you may need a Buddy?
As we previously said your buddy is here to help you. You can ask your buddy whatever you think that you may need to know. From where is a good neighbourhood to search for accommodation to how many nightclubs are around in Athens. Moreover, your buddy can show you how to go around in Athens, which areas are good for going out etc. Your buddy is your first friend at your host country!!

How to apply for a Buddy?
In order to apply for a buddy you have to complete and send the form you are going to find here:
http://aueb.esnathens.gr/content/buddy-system-spring-13
The sooner you apply the faster you will have a buddy and you will start communicate with him/her!!!

3. Introduction Week Spring Semester ’13

This special experience in Athens is going to start with the Introduction Week! One week full of cultural events, parties and activities organized for all of you who are going to attend the Spring semester.
Introduction Week is going to take place from 10/02 till 14/2/2013

It’s not obligatory to participate, but we do recommend you to join, because it’s a great opportunity to meet other students, Erasmus and Greeks, to adapt to the daily life of Athens and of course let the best moments of Erasmus kick off... An e-mail will follow with the exact schedule of the Introduction Week!

4. Bonding Trip
It is like a tradition the last years for us to organize a BONDING TRIP at the beginning of each semester!! The purpose of the trip is to get to know your fellow erasmus students better and also the ESN Athens AUEB Members! Moreover you get the chance to explore other places in Greece other than Athens! The Bonding Trip is going to take place the Weekend right after the Introduction Week (16-17/2) & after your Registrations at the university (15/02).
The cost of the trip will not exceed the amount of 80euros including accommodation & breakfast, all the transports of the trip + ESN Surprises!!! (of course the chance of being less than 80e is more probable 😊)
An e-mail will follow with more info regarding the Bonding Trip!

5. ESN Card
So far you have an ID, a university ID, what about an ERASMUS ID???
The ESN Card is a discount card for erasmus students all over Europe and it offers various discounts in Athens, Greece and Europe. It is sold ONLY by ESN sections and the cost is 5 Euros. We highly recommend you to purchase the card as soon as you reach our office, so that you take advantage of all the benefits it provides to you, including our events and activities. *It is also required for the registration to all the upcoming trips.*

If you want to get a taste of what discounts the ESN CARD offers you check its official website: http://esncard.org/

6. Accommodation
Are you concerned about your accommodation? Do you want to book a flat close to the university but you don't know how? ESN Athens AUEB doesn't provide accommodation services, it does cooperate with StayInAthens though! StayInAthens is a trustworthy accommodation service/provider for exchange students. You can check their website www.stayinathens.com or you can reach them via email at info@stayinathens.com. We recommend you to start searching for a flat in advance, especially if you are quite picky with such decisions. Don’t ignore that there is always the chance that the available places will get limited.

That’s all for now! 😊 We are looking forward to meeting you soon!!

Have fun and take care! 😊

For any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

Bye for now,

ESN Athens AUEB Team

PS: Please, NOTE that the ESN sections of Athens are the ONLY official organizations that voluntarily help Erasmus students settle down and adapt themselves to the city’s vibes!!! Here is a list of the OFFICIAL ESN organizations in Athens.

1. ESN Athens AUEB - Athens University of Economics and Business
2. ESN AUA - Agricultural University of Athens
3. ESN Kapa Athens - Kapodistrian University of Athens – UOA
4. ESN NTUA Athens - National Technical University of Athens
5. ESN Panteion - Panteion University
6. ESN TEI of Athens
7. ESN TEI of Piraeus