

# Ok, and where I am going to live?

Housing tips for outgoing students



[www.elte.hu/en/outgoing-mobility/erasmus/winners/information\\_sessions](http://www.elte.hu/en/outgoing-mobility/erasmus/winners/information_sessions)



# When should I start searching?

**YESTERDAY!**



# What I (should) look for?

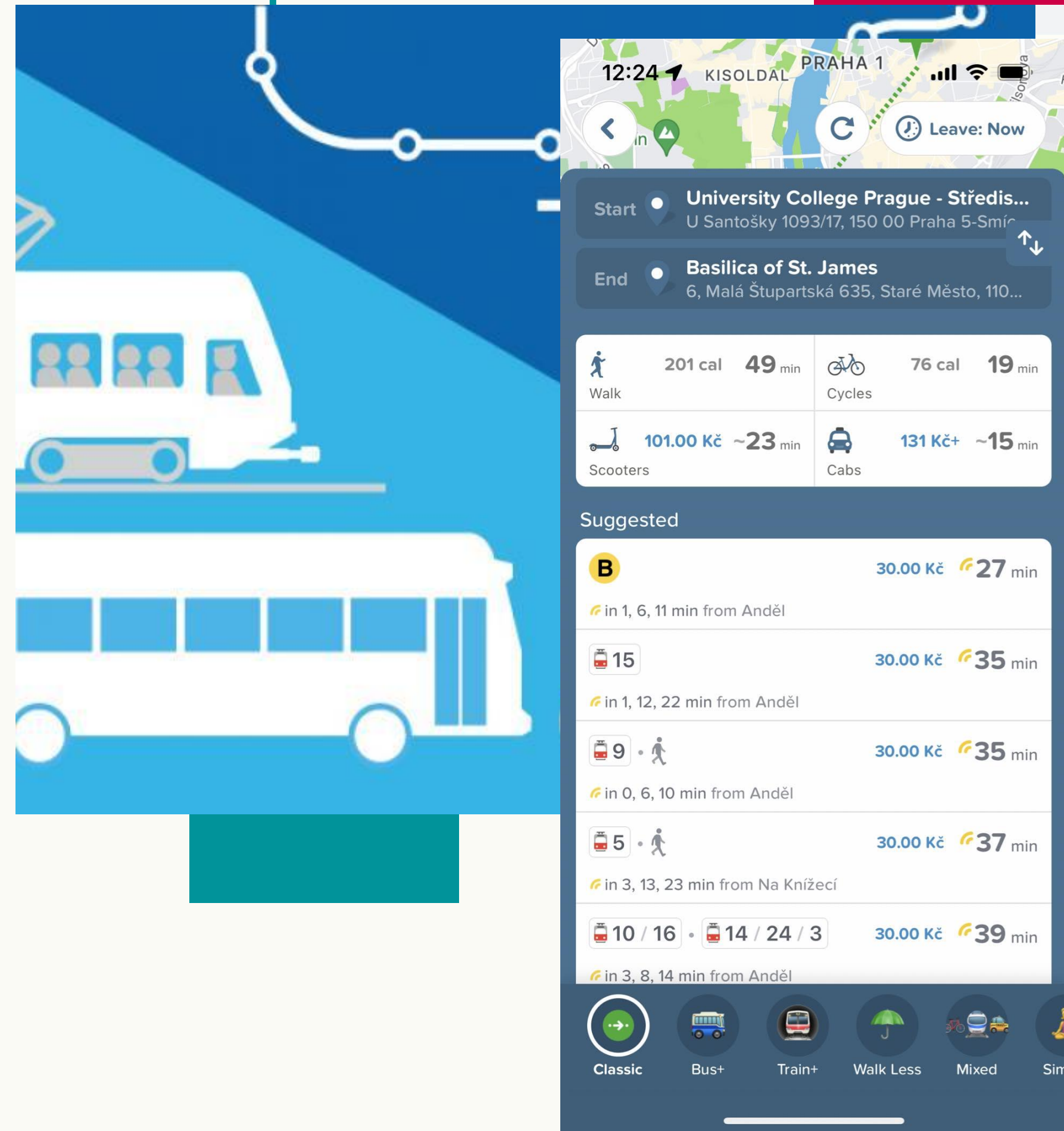
Orientation, priorities, needs

- Market price > own budget\*
- Alone/with others (How many people?)
- With others > locals (language?)/other foreigners
- Dormitory/Private apartment\*
- Location: Where do I want my place to be close?  
School/office/beach/city centre/suburban/parties...
- Transportation > What do we prefer\*
  - <https://citymapper.com/> (+app)
- Which are the possibilities? Own preferences\*
  - Equipment, balcony, own bathroom
  - Other policies: Guests, pets, smoking



# Transportation

- **Public transportation**
  - <https://citymapper.com/> (+app)
- Monthly ticket (trigger, activate)
  - Madrid: Multi card
  - London: Credit card
  - Expect for lead time
  - PRICE!
- **Important in terms of housing**
  - Route to university, center
  - Bicycle, scooter renting
    - Cheap monthly ticket
- Car – departure (van)\*



# Transportation

- Universidad de Malaga, Spain (MALAGA01): 13 €
- Universität Wien, Austria (AWIEN01): 78 € (for a semester)
- Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy (PADOVA01): 70 €
- Charles University, Czechia (PRAHA07): 360 CZK (~14,5 €)
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norvégia (AS03): 1 362,41 €
- Università di Siena, Italy (SIENA01): 38 €
- Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Germany (DUSSELD01): 325 € (for a semester)
- University of Cyprus, Cyprus (NICOSIA01): 25 €
- Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III, France (PARIS003): 85 €
- Tampere University Foundation, Finland (TAMPERE17): 41 €
- Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg, Germany (BAMBERG 01): 40 €
- Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal (LISBOA109): 22-30 €





# ALONE

independence  
privacy  
solitude  
adjustment, difficulties  
expensive  
clumsiness  
lack of base community  
flexibility



sharing  
core group  
parties  
adapt  
Sharing costs and reliability  
culture  
flexibility  
risk  
family

# IN A GROUP

# Where should I search?



HOST INSTITUTION  
(especially in case  
of study mobility)



WEB & SOCIAL  
MEDIA

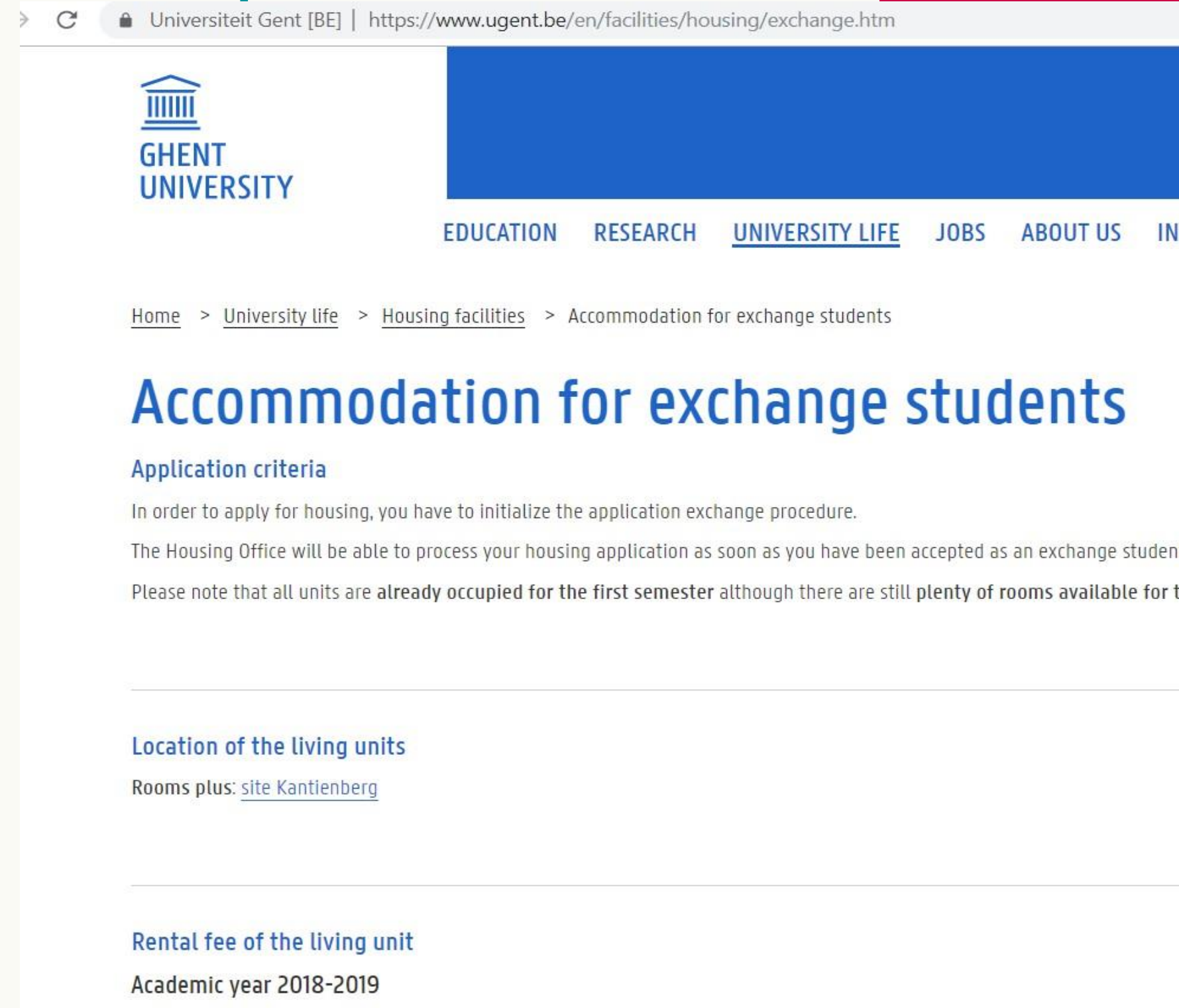


(ON THE SPOT)

# Host institution (study exchange)

## Minimal commitment: information

- **Dormitory:** rarely given to Erasmus students\*
  - Other tips: recommended agencies, ESN\*, university housing service
- It is easier to live with the help of the university in the spring semester (dormitory)\*



The screenshot shows the Ghent University website page for accommodation for exchange students. The page is titled "Accommodation for exchange students" and is part of the "University Life" section. The navigation menu includes "EDUCATION", "RESEARCH", "UNIVERSITY LIFE", "JOBS", and "ABOUT US". The breadcrumb trail is "Home > University life > Housing facilities > Accommodation for exchange students". The main heading is "Accommodation for exchange students". Underneath, there is a section for "Application criteria" which states: "In order to apply for housing, you have to initialize the application exchange procedure. The Housing Office will be able to process your housing application as soon as you have been accepted as an exchange student. Please note that all units are already occupied for the first semester although there are still plenty of rooms available for t". Below this, there is a section for "Location of the living units" which mentions "Rooms plus: [site Kantienberg](#)". At the bottom, there is a section for "Rental fee of the living unit" for the "Academic year 2018-2019".



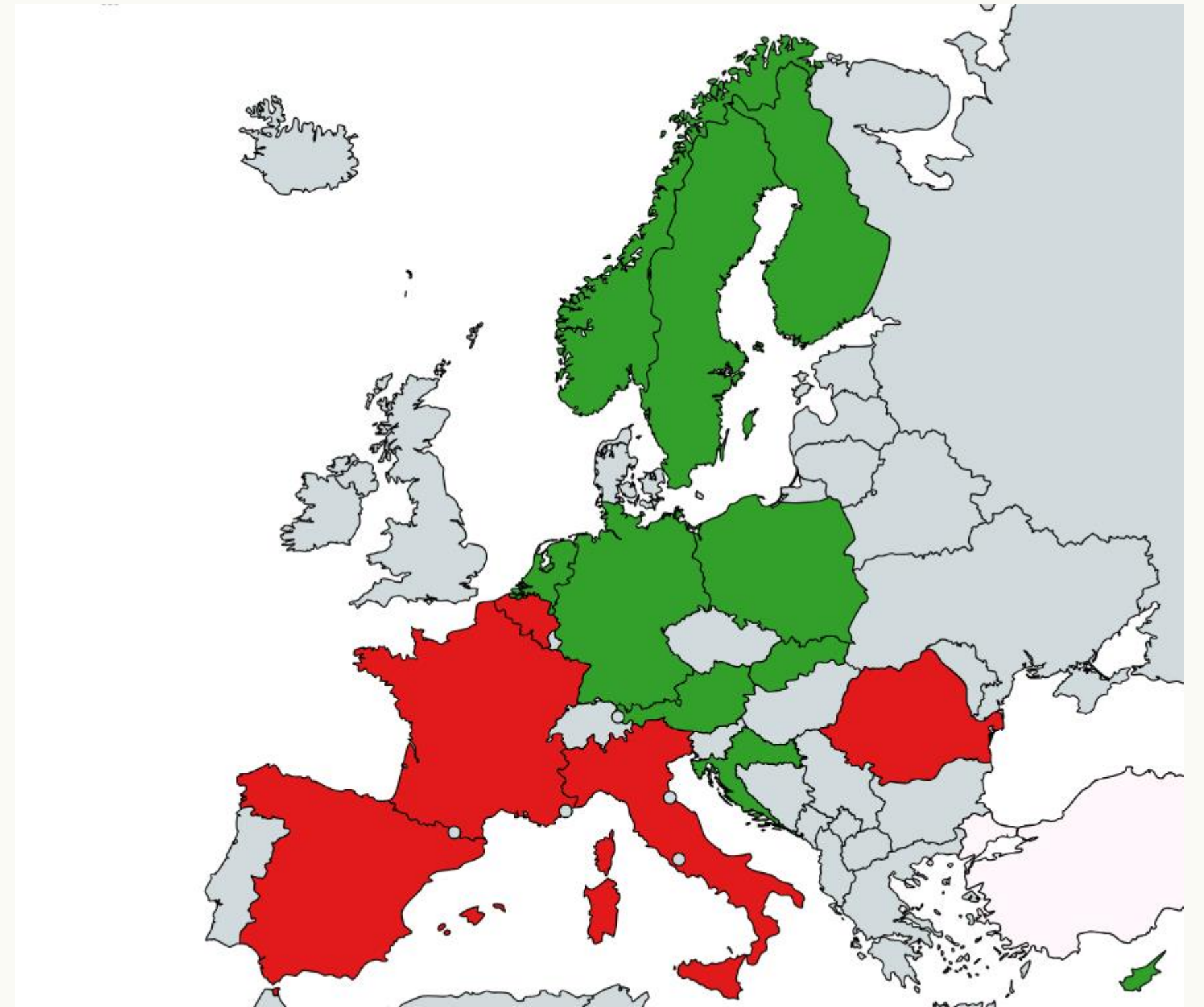
# Host institution (study exchange)

Did the host university help you with housing abroad?

- **Yes:** 36 cities – 64%
- **No:** 20 cities – 36%

Where did you finally find accommodation?

- **Sublease:** 56.52%
- **Dormitory:** 43.48%



# Where/how did you look for a sublet? vs. Where/how did you find it?

- Facebook groups: 48.15% 30,77%
- On local sublet search sites: 22.22% 38,46%
- With the help of a friend: 14.81% 15,38%
- Sites specifically specialized for Erasmus/short-term rental (Uniplaces, Housing Anywhere, Spotahome, Erasmusu etc.): 9.26% 7,69%
- Through Airbnb: 1.85% 3,85%
- Idealist app: 1.85%
- Looking for sublet rental notices on the street/university: 1.85%
- With the help of ESN: 3,85%



# WEB & FACEBOOK

- Facebook groups (Erasmus groups, local accommodation groups, local nationals)
- Local accommodation websites
- **Erasmus organizations** (ESN or other local ones)
- **Specialised agencies**

e.g. 'Erasmus Amsterdam'; 'Amsterdam housing'; Samenhuizen/Cohousing Gent, Kot in Gent; HOAS – Finland; Erasmus Paris, *\*nationality\** in *\*name of the city/country\**, AEGEE Paris, ESN Erasmus Paris, Parismus Sorbonne; Erasmus Life Lisboa – Housing, uniplaces.com, etc.



Caution with frauds.  
Always have lease.

# WEB & FACEBOOK

What should you pay attention to?



- Check the person/landlord/landlady as much as possible
- The most official communication as possible
- **Video chat!** Especially if the place is advertised by a private individual.
- **Price!** Be aware of the market and prices. If the price is too good, that is suspicious. But! Private individuals usually rent for a lower price.
- **Photos!** Google search by photo: [www.google.hu/imghp?hl=hu](http://www.google.hu/imghp?hl=hu)
- **Map!** Does the address exist? Check it in Google at least.
- If a friend, acquaintance or you can visit the place, that's the best.
- If it is a real estate agency: [www.trustpilot.com/](http://www.trustpilot.com/) , reviews..  
Always check it!

# WEB & FACEBOOK

## What should you pay attention to?



- Pay in advance? If possible, not.
- If you have to pay before having the keys> at least having lease (exact address, number, invoice about the payment)
- **With agencies**  
If it is an agency, you might have to pay in advance without seeing the apartment> at least check the agency, the reviews carefully  
Is the bank account number under the name of the owner/landlord/landlady/agency? IBAN code starts with the country code of the country?
- **Attention – professional fraud!** They completely take over the whole image of a well-known company (email banner, signature ..)
  - Does that company really operate in that country? If not, you better forget. If so, you may want to call one of the offices and ask if they know of such a rental property.

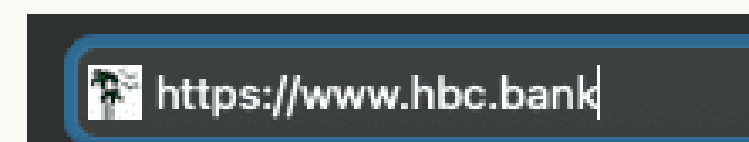
# Decoding scam

What should you pay attention to?



## 1. Headline, scanning URL

- https://
- padlock



## 2. Contact page scanning

## 3. The companies' social media presence

## 4. Domain name can be suspicious

## 5. Domain age scanning

- <https://whois.domaintools.com/>

## 6. Spelling, translation errors

## 7. "Too good to be true"

## 8. Google Safe Browser Transparency Report

- <https://transparencyreport.google.com/safe-browsing/search>

# Have you been looking for long-term housing at home or abroad? Where?

- I already found where I will live **from home** : **86.67%**
- I have **ostayed abroad in a hostel/hotel/otherwise** for a short period of time and looked for long-term accommodation there: **13.33%**





### III. On the spot

**Temporary accommodation on the spot**, possibility of personal meeting, (even) accompanied by a mentor

More expensive, but effective and safer.

[www.europeanhostels.com](http://www.europeanhostels.com)  
[www.uniplaces.com](http://www.uniplaces.com)  
[www.hostelbookers.com](http://www.hostelbookers.com)





# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Reports from returnees

Google vagy  
[www.elte.hu/erasmus\\*](http://www.elte.hu/erasmus*)

Tempus Közalapítvány

[https://tka.hu/4735/szallaskereses\\*](https://tka.hu/4735/szallaskereses*)

Erasmus App

Stories and tips

# Conclusion

- Needs assessment
- Orientation
- Caution
- Invoice, lease!
- (Review, keep the contact)



**THANK YOU FOR  
THE ATTENTION!**

..and good luck!