

Please insert here at least one <u>PHOTO</u> 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: Department Architecture , Facility Management and

Geoinf

Field of study: Master Architectural and Cultural Heritage

Home university: Hochschule Anhalt

Nationality: Algerian

Duration of traineeship (from ...to...): 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022

## TRAINEESHIP INSTITUTION

Country: Austria

Name of traineeship institution: Architekt Di Alfred Piniel

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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 insitution.

The company employs a dynamic team that is competent, experienced and with creative knowledge dedicated to complex construction tasks from development to completion in the areas of architecture, interior and open space planning. The area of responsibility extends to single-family and settlement housing, business and office buildings, as well as kindergarten and school buildings. Renovation planning, development of energy (saving) concepts and private appraisals in the area of real estate and objects are also part of their field of activity.

### 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 searched on Google for architecture offices in Austria because they speak German in order to improve my German and gain experience in the European region.

So I found on Google several architectural offices and sent them an initiative Application.

It was not easy at all because they need highly qualified people with advanced language skills especially in the field of architecture who need special skills in technical language.

## 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?

My German did not allow me to do my training program, so I enrolled in a preparatory course for German B1 level. I passed the B1 certification exam before traveling to Austria as part of my pre-training preparation.

#### 4) Accommodation

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

When I was admitted to do the training, I looked for accommodation close to the training office and I was lucky to find a place in a university residence, in Austria in general, you can find a room in a university residence. but you have to plan ahead because it is likely that you will not find a place at the last minute.

https://www.willhaben.at>

www.oejab.at

www.studentenwohnheim.at

#### 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?

- -I drew plans with AutoCad software following a model given to me by the office and after they corrected my work, they gave me comments and how the final drawings should be represented.
- -I have worked on several villas and private homes.
- -working condition was good
- -I had positive and negative experiences for a year, the most negative experience was when I couldn't understand some technical issues or when I couldn't express myself under pressure, but I developed it by time.

#### 6) Acquired qualifications

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

I mastered Autocad which was my goal and also to improve my German and some communication skills in a workplace completely different from my previous experience.

# 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?

No.

### 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?

I had no problem during my internship in Austria but if someone needs information they can email the authority and they will surely answer. In the case of Austria, the Arbeitsmarktservice (AMS) can answer all your questions. You can search on Google for the center near your place of residence.

#### 9) Other

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

I recommend the future trainee to very well prepare for training abroad, especially for the language. For me the B1 level was not enough and the accommodation is too expensive.

#### 10) Conclusion

What is the conclusion drawn after your traineeship experience abroad?

My traineeship experience was not easy and there were a lot of challenges, I had to manage all the paperwork, my place of residence and the travel from Germany to Austria. A new place and new country.

I had many difficulties integrating as a regular speaker of German in a fluent German speaking team (Austrian German is different from Germany German, as you can find many dissimilar words in Germany).

Overall, it was a very big step in my career as an architect, I was able to get close to the working climate in the European region.

I am so grateful that Erasmus gave me this opportunity

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