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EXCHANGE PARTNER INFORMATION

<p>Partner name</p> <p>INSTITUTO SUPERIOR TÉCNICO LISBOA</p>	
<p>Name of Faculties/Departments or Institutes for Electronics/Electrical/ Telecom Engineering</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING</p>	
<p>Courses information</p> <p>http://www.utl.pt/catalogo/ http://www.ist.utl.pt/en/htm/education/</p>	<p>Language of Instruction</p> <p>PORTUGUESE</p> <p>All lectures are given in Portuguese. Knowledge of both written and spoken Portuguese is required of any student wishing to study at IST, if they are to attend regular classes. It is planned that in some (possibly most) subjects, foreign students will be able to do their reports and written examinations in English, French or Spanish, but this will have to be arranged with teachers on a case-by-case basis</p>
<p>Application Form and Deadlines</p> <p>Deadlines:</p> <p>1st Semester - 30th June 2nd Semester - 30th November Final Project - 3 months before arrival</p> <p>Application Form:</p> <p>http://gire.ist.utl.pt/</p>	<p>Semester dates</p> <p>The academic year is divided into 2 semesters of 14 weeks each.</p> <p>The autumn semester runs from mid September to the end of December and the spring semester from early March to mid June.</p>
<p>Procedure to Find a Master Thesis</p> <p>So the best thing is for you to check the Projects available at the Department of Electrical and Computers Eng. at the following web site:http://mega.ist.utl.pt/~leec/</p> <p>If the students find a Project they want, they can contact the professor responsible for the project directly but you MUST send also an e.mail to the Coordinator of Electrical and Computers Eng. here at IST. Her contact is as follows:</p>	



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Language courses

There is an Intensive Portuguese Course for Foreign Students at Instituto Superior Técnico in September. The course will cost at least 100 € for Socrates students and 187 € for the other foreign students. If the student wishes to attend the Portuguese Course he/she must fill in an application form- <http://gire.ist.utl.pt/>

Orientation Program

[The Mentorship Programme](#) -The GAPE (Student Guidance Office) has set up the Mentorship Program to assist the ERASMUS and other international students during their stay at IST. It is a contact-person-system which puts the international student into contact with a Portuguese one who will help him settle in and will show him around the University campus, the centre city, etc. The objective is to ensure exchange students a smooth integration into the Portuguese way of student life.

Accommodation

The housing situation at IST is very strained. GIRE cannot guarantee accommodation for international students at the IST Students' Residence "Residência Eng. Duarte Pacheco at Parque das Nações", or any other University Residence. If the student wants accommodation at the IST Students' Residence "Residência Eng. Duarte Pacheco at Parque das Nações" he/she must fill in an accommodation form and send it to GIRE as soon as possible. Since there are only 15 beds available for ERASMUS students, students will be lodged on a first serve basis. These are double rooms with private bath and telephone (for the telephone, the student must pay a bond of around 30 €). The price in this residence, per student, is at least 112.50 €.

The UTL has put aside one residence in the centre of Lisbon for ERASMUS students. It can lodge 13 students, and there are also some vacancies for teachers. When this residence is full, ERASMUS students are lodged in the 13 other UTL student residences, depending on vacancies available. When space allows, students will be placed as near as possible to the host school. Vacancies are easier to find from January to June each year.

The price of lodgings for ERASMUS students at UTL Residences is at least 89.15 € per month. Meals are not included. The student must leave a deposit of one month's payment on arrival in Lisbon. Students will be lodged according to their order of reservation. Please be sure that you bring with you the confirmation, sent by GIRE, of the reservation of a room.

In the students residences linen and towels are provided and will be laundered weekly for an additional fee. Some residences are equipped with washing machines for student use, while others provide a laundry service for a very reasonable price.

All residences are equipped with kitchen, refrigerator and television (and VCR in some of them), available for student use.

To overcome the lack of vacancies in residences, most students rent a room in a private home or an apartment and share with other colleagues. A room in a private home costs around 250 € per month. Meals are not included. An apartment with dining room, kitchen, bathroom and 2 rooms can cost around 500 € / 750 € per month. An apartment of this type can be shared with 3 other students. GIRE can provide a list of addresses.

Average cost of living per month (e.g. room, food, entertainment, books, ect)

Expenses	Price in Euros
Accommodation	225.00/250.00
Meals	200.00/125.00
Transportation	25.00
Leisure	75.00/100.00

University (books, etc.)	25.00
TOTAL	550/600

General information about the city/town university areas

Arrival in Lisbon

Lisbon can be easily reached from almost any European capital. Arrival by plane brings you to Lisbon Airport, (Aeroporto da Portela) located just a few kilometres from the city centre. Regular or express buses serve it, and taxis are not too expensive, but beware attempted overcharging by some drivers.

The train brings you to Santa Apolónia station (near Rossio) in Lisbon, just a few kilometres from the old centre of town. Several regular buses pass just outside this station, and taxis are also available (once again, beware of the less honest taxi drivers).

Coming from either the Airport or Santa Apolónia station a taxi should cost around €6 to get you to IST. Whatever means of transport you choose, IST is easily reached. Take any public transport that passes near "Alameda" (D. Afonso Henriques) or "Saldanha".

Banks

Open from 08:30 to 15:00; from Monday to Friday.

At IST, there are 2 banks where you can easily deal with currency exchange, deposits and all other bank operations.

Debit cards for use in the ATM machines system is wide spread (there are often several machines in the same street), and credit cards are also common. Cards accepted in cash machines are: American Express, 4b, Clau, Bancontact/Mistercash, Bancomat3/Eufiserv, Eurocheque, Cirrus, Master card, Eurocard, Plus and VISA. These machines work 24 hours a day and are commonly known as MULTIBANCO, and you can use your MULTIBANCO card to withdraw money or pay for services (at shops, main train stations, etc.). Check with your bank for details on debit and credit cards compatible with those used in Portugal. Cash transfers can be made between Portuguese banks and banks in other countries, the transfer charge varying from bank to bank. Ask your bank which Portuguese banks they deal with on a regular basis.

You can also send money through the post office, where the charge is often lower than through banks.

Post-Offices

During the week, Post-Offices are open from 09:00 to 18:00 and closed on weekends (www.ctt.pt).

Shopping

Shops are usually open only from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 or 10:00 to 18:00 or 19:00, and some close for three hours for lunch, from 13:00 to 15:00. Some shops are open on weekends, especially on Saturday mornings.

Shopping centres are normally not much more expensive, and are usually open on weekends.

There are big shopping zones in the following streets/squares of Lisbon: Chiado, Rossio, Rua Augusta (Baixa de Lisboa – downtown) and Avenida da Liberdade.

There are also three big shopping centres in Lisbon: Amoreiras, Colombo, Vasco da Gama. The Saldanha Atrium is a smaller shopping mall that is conveniently located near IST.

Transportation

Inside the city of Lisbon there are two main kinds of transportation:

Subway: Metropolitano de Lisboa (normally called Metro) and runs from 06:00 to 01:00 (www.metrolisboa.pt).

Buses: CARRIS covers almost all of Lisbon and runs from 06:00 to 23:00 (www.carris.pt).

The Lisbon airport and the International railway station - Estação de Santa Apolónia (www.cp.pt) are served by buses that cross the city. Running hours are shown at bus stops.

A single bus ticket costs €1.00 and a single underground ticket 0.60. Ten single underground tickets cost €5.10. A monthly pass, commonly called "passe", is valid for the urban network (bus, underground) and costs €22.00.

Instituto Superior Técnico is located between the subways stations Alameda and Saldanha or you take the buses number 7, 16, 18, 20, 22, 33, 40, 42, 107.

Any other information you would like to add