



# Erasmus 30+

*Antoine Bertouille, a Solvay MA2 student in Business Engineering, won the “9 million Erasmus+ prize”*

## 3 facts about Antoine



Antoine Bertouille, 24-year-old MA2 in Business Engineering at the [Solvay Brussels School](#) and former president of the [Solvay Student Representatives Association \(BE\)](#).

Erasmus exchange student in Warsaw Poland in the first academic semester 2016-2017 followed by an internship in the banking sector in Warsaw during the summer of 2017.

Winner of the “9 million Erasmus+ prize” for its actions to promote the [Erasmus+ program](#)

## About Erasmus+

The EU has funded the Erasmus programme for 30 years, enabling over three million European students to study one or two semesters abroad, in another higher education institution or within an organization in Europe.

Erasmus+ brings such opportunities to all - students, staff, trainees, teachers, volunteers and more. It's not just about Europe or Europeans either - with Erasmus+, people from all over the world can access cultural and educational exchange opportunities.

## Advice from Antoine to get the most out of your Erasmus exchange

***Come with an open-mind and try to connect with the people you meet.***

I have to admit that Warsaw was not my first choice for exchange. I was not sure what to expect when I arrived. I discovered a vibrant city with very welcoming people hungry for change. To fit in more easily I started to learn Polish immediately. It gave me the possibility to interact with Polish students and people and to give back in my own way by teaching English to elementary school kids.

***Seize all opportunities presented to you: make it more than an Erasmus.***

I decided to make my Erasmus intense, both on fun and work levels. Like many exchange students I travelled and partied a lot. At some point I realized I wanted to further my experience and started to look for an internship. I attended a series of recruiting events organized at my host university and I eventually got an offer in Warsaw from a large international bank.

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*Share your experience and push others to do an Erasmus as well.*

When I returned to Belgium I realized how lucky I was to have participated in the Erasmus+ program. Therefore, I decided to share my experience and to promote exchanges across Europe. My commitment was rewarded in the form of the **9 million Erasmus+ prize**, which I received at the European parliament in Strasbourg.

The “**9 million Erasmus+ prize**” recognizes Erasmus+ alumni with an extraordinary Erasmus+ story and whose experience and achievements have set an example for the younger generations.



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*Thank you Antoine! It is great to see the school represented by an alumnus at this unique gathering. Well-deserved for our institution, which has made the international exchange programme compulsory for all master students since 2001. We welcome every year 260+ incoming students, and we send 360+ outgoing students towards 110 destinations, of which 50% outside Europe, and 60% accredited. I take the opportunity to thank Tamara Schuller and Anne Georges who have made a real success of the international exchange programme.*

**Bruno van Pottelsberghe, Dean of the Solvay Brussels School  
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