

## Welcome Week of the JMDSAE



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Getting to a new country on your own trying to build your future is a big challenge, but thanks to all the effort made by the University of Antwerp, Deusto, Loughborough and Bordeaux, with the help of all the staff and professors, it got much easier!

The first day in the University of Antwerp was quite a busy day, starting with the welcome reception, to continue with the speeches of some of the professors as well as with the ones of some of the program's partners (academic as well as representatives from industry) and to end up with some information sessions.

During the welcome reception, we could enjoy a good coffee while getting to know in an informal way all the staff and the rest of the students. Once we all arrived at the campus, we received an introductory speech of the professors as well as a presentation of the University of Antwerp itself.

The JMDSAE is aimed to be a practical master, at the same time, it tries to be constantly in touch with the industry, and that was exactly what they did the very first day. That's why we attended really interesting presentations regarding sustainable vehicles and their viability from some of the partners of the master: Punch Powertrain, TH-Köln, Federal-Mogul, Nagaoka University of Technology, Siemens.

In the afternoon, after having had lunch at the campus, we had to complete some documents for final enrolment and they assisted us with useful information in relation to residence permit, bank account, mobility options...

The following day, the professors presented their modules and explained the prerequisites that we needed in order to be able to follow their lessons. Apart from the introduction to the lessons, we also visited the campus and the labs in it, so that we became more familiar with all the campuses. We are in Belgium and, as you may know, there are many great different beers here and the University of Antwerp has its own one, so what a better way of ending the day than enjoying a good beer?

We are now at the last day of the orientation week, but we couldn't finish this week without visiting the magnificent city in which we are, Antwerp, so the professors made their best to show us the city in such a culturally enriching way that even the Belgian students learnt lots of new facts about the city! They also gave us lots of tricks and advices, with the purpose that we can get the most out of the city the time we are staying here. And, of course, we drank a beer in one typical bar, where you can find more than 300 different beers!

To finish this magical week, after having dinner in a cute restaurant, we checked the nightlife of the city. You'll probably find it a bit strange at first, but once you get used to it you will love it. Don't you believe me? Come and discover it, we'll be waiting for you!!

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