

Hello dear members of SECIS,

I am really sorry that I cannot attend the meeting next week, and hope I will join in 2016!

We work hard on some points and also have some small success and results☺):

One of our projects is the **inter-generational living** in Luxembourg (elderly people and students). We face some problems because elderly people don't speak English and our students are mostly English speakers (from India, China, Pakistan, Iran ...).

Another problem is that University is rather young and we don't have like 'best practise' of living together and having contacts.

But one very big step in this direction is done by Caritas:

Yesterday we took part in the celebration of putting the first stone of a house to be build for persons with low income and students -living together.

Marguerite (our president), Marco Hoffmann, member of the board of Lisel representing Caritas and me participate in a group to elaborate a common project for this house, that will be finished in December 2016.

It is the first project like that in Luxembourg and we are proud to take part in it!

We started in October a **new living project in the house of sisters**, who offer 5 rooms for girls. We take stagiaires to these rooms, who cannot get a room from University because they are not registered in University of Luxembourg and also stay for a short period (running from 2 weeks up to 5 month). In total we rent 22 rooms to students

**University is moving to the South** of Luxembourg. We met the rector and both vice-rectors to tell about Lisel and convince them that our work is most important!!!

They promised us that we will get a place for the student market (that can also be meeting place- we hope so!!) at the campus in Esch.

But everything takes a lot of time and the building, where we will move in, will not be finished before 2016...

Our **Friday events** are still really like 'coming home' for the students. We will submit this project to the competition organized by a bank in Luxembourg, to get a bit more money. For the moment we have 30€ per week (we have an average of 25 students every week).

**Week-end trips**, mostly on Saturdays, are organized once a month in Luxembourg and once a month in a city close to Luxembourg. We also continue to offer it during exam time (that's new!), because our PhD students and stagiaires are free on weekends and don't have to study.

**Semester trip** (February) was in Istanbul last year, Berlin this year and we will go to Rome next year!!

Actually our **volunteers** (European Volunteers by Erasmus+) are from Bosnia and Turkey. We have one application from Russia and one partner organization in Germany for September.

We also have a **staff of volunteers** to help for the French discussion, taking care of the student market, taking care of the houses communities....

**You see that we are still alive!!!!**

**and step by step I even manage daily life of Lisel!!**

**I send thousands of good wishes to all of you and Lisel greetings.**