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# The Three-Millionth Student of the Erasmus Program is from VŠE

**Vojtěch Zrůst from the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics, University of Economics, Prague (VŠE) was selected for the Czech Republic as the “three-millionth” student of the Erasmus Program of the European Union. He studied IT at Reykjavik University in Iceland.**

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In 1987, the European Union launched a program which supports the international mobility of university students and teachers, and cooperation in higher education in Europe. This year, the number of students who have participated in it has reached 3 million.

On this remarkable occasion, the European Commission decided to launch “The 3 millionth Erasmus student” event. From each country that participates in the Erasmus Program (32 countries in total), based on applications, a graduate of the program was selected to represent her or his country as a “three-millionth” student.

Vojtěch Zrůst, a student of the master’s program Cognitive Informatics at the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics, was selected for the Czech Republic. In academic year 2012/2013, he was sent to study at Reykjavik University in Iceland.

Reykjavik University, which has cooperated with VŠE since 2008, is part of a network of more than 200 partner schools of the university; almost two thirds of them have joined the Erasmus Program. In 2012, VŠE sent abroad a total of 729 students; 438 of them were part of the Erasmus Program. The program remains the most important tool for the support of student and teacher mobility.

The motivation and experience of Vojtěch Zrůst during his study abroad experience in the Erasmus Program are described on the European Commission’s website where there are also published stories of representatives of other countries participating in the program: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/3million/czech\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/3million/czech_en.htm).

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**The Erasmus Program** was established in 1987 by the decision 87/327/EEC. Between 2000 and 2006, it was part of the Socrates Program. In the current financial framework for the period of 2007-2013, it is part of the Lifelong Learning Program. In the Czech Republic, the program is administered by the National Agency for the European Educational Programs (NAEP). The program provides opportunities for university students who wish to study and work abroad, university teachers and tutors from firms who want to teach abroad, as well as for university employees who are interested in training abroad. In addition, Erasmus supports the cooperation of higher-education institutions in the form of intensive programs, multilateral networks, and multilateral projects. This year, the program celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year in the Czech Republic. Since 1998, it has enabled more than 58 thousand Czech students and almost 21 thousand employees and teachers of Czech universities to enjoy an experience abroad.

**The University of Economics, Prague** (Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze) is the leading university in the field of management and economics in the Czech Republic. The University of Economics, Prague is composed of more than 20,000 students and has six faculties – five in Prague and one in Jindřichův Hradec in South Bohemia. These include: the Faculty of Finance and Accounting, the Faculty of International Relations, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Statistics and Informatics and the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration. The faculty based in Jindřichův Hradec is specialized in management. Graduates of the University of Economics, Prague occupy responsible positions in the private as well as in the public sector. Most of them are employed in the sectors of industry and services, trade, marketing, banking, public administration, accounting, audit, tourism and the field of information technology. Many significant Czech and foreign economists have obtained the University's honoris causa title; for example, the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Robert A. Mundell, Prof. Milton Friedman and Prof. Gary S. Becker. More information at <http://www.vse.cz/index-en.php>.

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