E: HI EVERYONE!

N: Who’s Hungry?

E: We’re sorry, but you are just going to get hungrier, because today we are going to talk about food.

N: But first, let us introduce SNEEK 2 to you.

Everybody: Name and Country

N: And the eight of us have spent the last week of the group work to exchange our culinary experiences.

E: But actually, WHY FOOD?

N: We figured that newly arrived students, who have just reached Delft, are likely to be on their own, hungry, have little money available and not be able to speak Dutch. So, why not solve all these issues in one fell swoop, and have an international cook-out?

E: Having travelled thousands of kilometres from all parts of the world, home food comforts us and helps getting used to the new environment. But then, nobody wants to eat alone, so coming together with fellow TU Delft students allows for getting to know each other as well as our cultural backgrounds.

N: And this is exactly what we did last Monday. We gathered at Emilia’s apartment with the ingredients for a traditional dish from our respective countries. We cooked, taught each other and ate together.

N: But don’t assume it was easy!
E: Since our group includes eight nationalities, communication of ideas could get lost in translation at times. But it was amusing and interesting to see different thought processes and working styles.

N: We found the opposite of the stereotype to actually be true with timing of arrival. We ranged from punctual Greek and Brazilian to slightly more relaxed Germans and Austrians ;)

E: Cooking together helped us to stay open minded while working in a group with multiple nationalities. In a way it is analogous to cultural sensitivity regarding individual tastes.

N: While working as a team we tried to go beyond our ‘comfort zones’ of working habits and learned to appreciate each other’s skillsets and interests. In this way, we managed to get the best from everyone.

E: By now you are probably asking, hey, what about me? I want to get in on the fun!

N: We’ve used facebook as an easy to access social media, to open up the opportunity of having a similar experience as us to anyone new to TU Delft. Something as simple as cooking together made a large impact on us. We are eager to see if this will take up.

E: The created page is a platform for exchange of easy to make, but delicious, recipes, organized cooking sessions and local availability of products. It is publicly accessible for all TU Delft students, in order to be further used in the coming years.

N: Any TU Delft student can find our page and ‘LIKE’ it, and post any recipes, events, photos, experiences, and find friends!