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Quality Placements Network
- The Q-PlaNet Project -

Topics

- Idea and content
- Preparation phase and partner search
- Application procedure
- Running the project

Demand for Placements

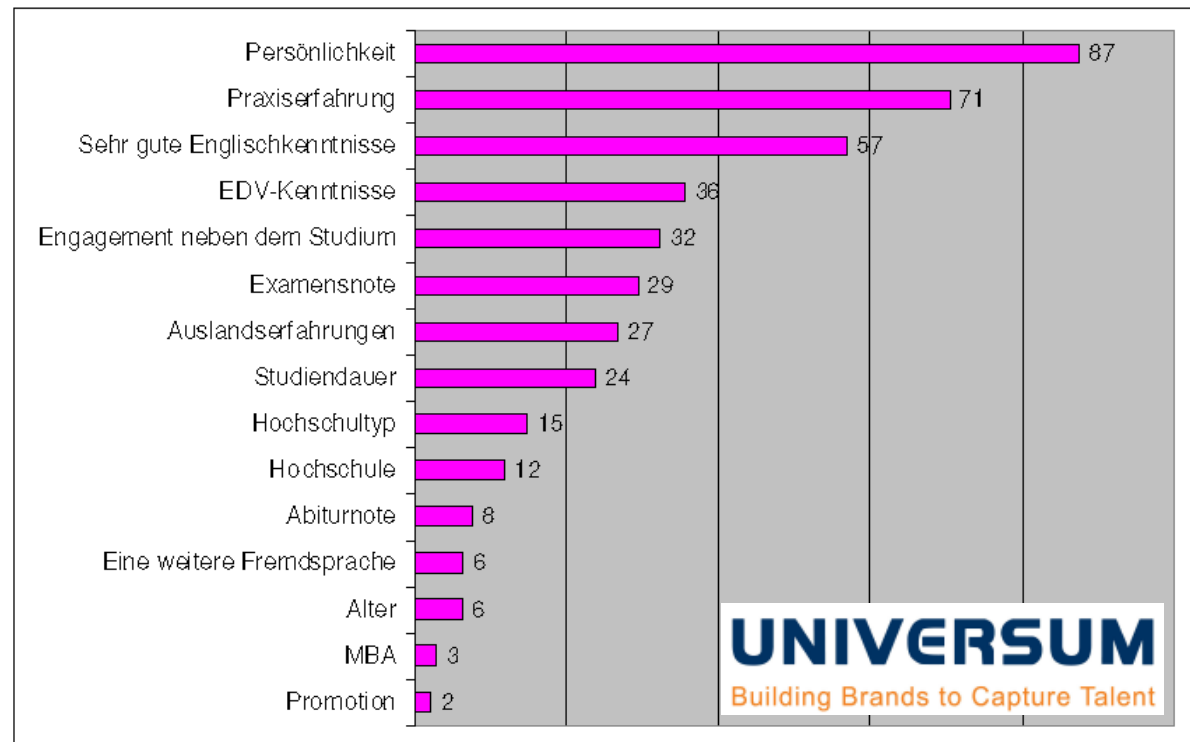
Important qualifications besides the study field

(for employers):

1. Personality

2. Practical experience

4. Welche Qualifikationen sind Ihnen bei der Auswahl eines Bewerbers außer dem Studienfach wichtig?



Influence of Lisbon Strategy

- Increase of mobility as a goal
- Gain of additional qualification
- Gain of intercultural competences
- Transfer of knowledge through mobility

Difficulties in international placements

- Unknown companies
- Distance to the companies
- Different traditions in placements
- Most students find placements themselves (no relay)
- Misuse of students as cheap labour force

The Q-PlaNet concept (I)

- How to measure quality for placements?
 - With standardised criteria
 - With real integration in study programmes
 - With reference centres on a regional basis building a network all over Europe



Building a **Quality Placements Network**

The Q-PlaNet concept (II)

- The idea of reference centres (RC) for placements:
 - to function as a bridge between universities and enterprises
 - to facilitate quality control for placements
 - to motivate universities and students to participate in placements
 - to promote a higher education system with integrated placements



Subproject of EUE-Net

- Q-PlaNet can be seen as work package within EUE-Net, a multilateral EU project
- Know-how of partners is considerable as they are all involved in other EU projects

Partners

- 10 partners from the “old” and “new” European Union: Estonia, Romania, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany
- Cooperation between universities, economic sector and students



Diversity and knowing each other are important factors

Application procedure

- For good preparation of the application: 6-12 months (defining tasks of the partners, budget estimation, work packages etc.)
- Submission of filled forms
- In case the application is not accepted: possibility to re-apply with improved content

Work packages

Overall 10 work packages, among them:

- Content-side: Curriculum development and guidelines for organising placements and development of a a quality standard
- Pre-defined work packages:
 - Dissemination
 - quality control
 - Management, reporting and meeting organisation (tasks of the coordinator)

Project management

- Running for 2 years: Oct 08 – Sept 10 (possible projects: 1, 2 or 3 years)
- Reporting at mid-term and at the end
- Don't underestimate the administrative work (collecting documentation, reporting, budget management)
- Useful: not to keep the whole EU grant at the coordinator's account but to pay out the shares to the partners

Thank you for your attention.

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Questions?