

REVISED EURES ON-LINE PACKAGE FOR GRADUATES*New web page "Are you a graduate"*

Job Opportunities for Graduates

This section is addressed to jobseekers from the university and polytechnics sectors and to those in general who have higher qualifications: *students and graduates, teachers and researchers*. If you plan to start a professional career, find a new job or have a training opportunity in another country of the European Economic Area (EEA), please consult the sections hereunder and the related links.

Transition from student life to professional life

The transition from school to work is a period of uncertainty. Students and young graduates can get support to help them find a job, an internship or become self-employed as independent workers in any EEA country. Because taking those steps from student life to professional life can be daunting, so some actions are listed below that you may want to consider to make the transition smoother.

The following **checklist** has been produced as a guide for those students who are about to finish or have recently concluded their studies:

- Attend employer presentations, skills workshops, careers fairs and visit your local careers adviser. Details of events at European level can be consulted through the "Events Calendar" in the homepage of this portal. Relevant events are also advertised on graduate websites and through your university careers centre.
- Search for suitable EURES job vacancies in any EEA country through the "Search for a job" functionality. You can also create a "My EURES account", which provides you with additional job search possibilities, and/or contact a EURES Adviser.
- Search and apply for other vacancies on specialised websites, in the national newspapers, specialist publications and through your university careers centre.
- Draft your CV - is it all it can be? Please consult the 'Europass' link, within 'Related Topics'. Most graduate websites and university careers centres also offer advice and guidance about CV writing.
- Send spontaneous applications with your targeted CV and covering letter. Most graduate websites offer advice and guidance about CVs and spontaneous applications.
- Your rights and duties abroad? Get information on living and working conditions in EEA countries in the relevant section of this portal.
- Find more about recognition of academic qualifications – see the 'NARIC' link, within 'Related topics'.
- Apply for a visa or work permit if you would like to work outside the EEA. Contact the relevant Embassy in your home country for details of the application process.
- Practice psychometric tests, some graduate websites have this facility.

- Practice your interviewing skills, including drafting answers to commonly asked questions with your careers adviser.
- Apply for relevant postgraduate / conversion courses and training schemes in the EEA (e.g. Social work, teaching, civil service, law etc). Most graduate sites and your local careers centre will be able to provide suitable information.

For details of graduate websites throughout the EEA and further information and opportunities about the transition from student life to professional life, please consult the "Information services for graduates" and "Job Opportunities for graduates" sections of this portal (see "Related Links").

Researchers' careers

European Union researchers can benefit from opportunities to study or work in other Member States, which form the European Research Area (ERA). Since 2004, mobile researchers benefit from a Researchers' Mobility Portal. For further information, please refer to "Related topics".

Education and training

The European Commission runs a wide variety of programmes, which provide education and training opportunities throughout Europe to both students and teachers. More information is available within the section "Learning" of this portal and related topics. See also "Related links" in this page, "Education and Training" section.

Related Topics

- [The European Researcher's Mobility Portal - Career opportunities for researchers](#)
- [ELSA-Application for temporary positions within the research sector of the European Commission](#)
- [NARIC - Network of National Academic Recognition Information Centres](#)
- [Europass](#)

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