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**Do you have a plan for your future?**

**Everything is workable! Check out all your opportunities in Europe and make your first step towards your journey!**

## OPPORTUNITIES WAITING FOR YOU!

Nowadays, youngsters from all over Europe have the chance to experience working in a different culture than their own. This is a big step forward towards creating a meaningful future outside our own national boundaries. So what is stopping you?

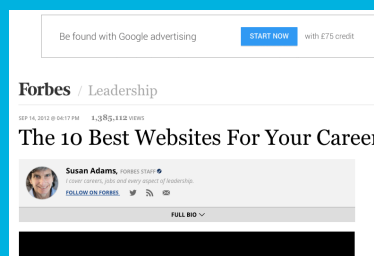
There are many possibilities to gain work-related experiences in Europe. Sometimes, an Internet connection is all you need in order to find a suitable experience for you. Having a positive mindset and a will to improve your current knowledge and skills will definitely bring you closer to finding a job, even though you might not have had the opportunity to access higher education. European Union Commission already has various programs to support people who want to work in Europe or gain more experience in there.

### Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

This is a really helpful project that you can attend to if you have a dream about starting your own company. The main goal of the project is to help new entrepreneurs to acquire relevant skills in order to manage a small or medium-sized enterprise by spending time in a company in another EU country.

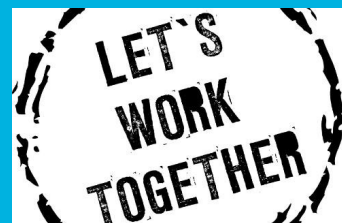
Working in a different work environment will help you improve your knowledge by understanding how a business works, what is their know-how and in which way can you apply this information to your business. You will also gain meaningful cultural experiences that you can more than happily share with your peers when

## Popular Articles



Here Forbes has “The 10 Best Websites” list you might want to go over it during your job research;

Check it out: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/susanadams/2012/09/14/the-10-best-websites-for-your-career/>



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you go back home.



This project is really an easy way to understand different cultures and to share your knowledge with other different entrepreneurs. If you already have a startup or a business plan, you can

apply for this project. Remember to state your motivation and share your business plan in a realistic manner.<sup>1</sup>

## **EVS**

The Erasmus+ programme offers young people like you the opportunity to make a difference in their lives by attending the European Voluntary Service. If you choose to do this, you have to know that you will work full-time in a foreign country within or outside the EU borders. There are many fields of work that you can choose from, so be sure you will select one that you are passionate about. What else do you need to know about it?

You can work up to 12 months, it is free of charge and you are offered free language courses. It sounds good, right? You will also contribute to the strengthening social cohesion, you will promote active citizenship and you will develop solidarity, tolerance and mutual understanding among young foreign people. If you want to experience this, prepare your CV and write your application letter!<sup>2</sup>

## **VET Projects**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.erasmusentrepreneurs.eu/upload/Programme%20Guide%20EN.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/mobility/european-voluntary-service\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/mobility/european-voluntary-service_en.htm)

**VET** stands for vocational, educational and training. Basically, this project offers you the chance to go (1 week- up to 2 months) to a foreign country and learn knowledge regarding a specific field of work. During these sessions, you will benefit from other people's know-how, you will improve your skills and you will receive an education that will certainly make you more confident and enthusiastic towards getting the job you dream about. So, go for it! It will definitely be worth it.<sup>3</sup>

In a nutshell, there are various projects which can attract young people to get out of their comfort zone and start improving their work experience, as well their skills.

Opportunities are waiting out there for you; Get ready to have an exciting experience!

### **LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT LABOUR MARKET IS!**

Understanding the labour market is, unfortunately, one of the aspects that youngsters decide to research after they apply to university. In reality, this is the most important thing people have to take into consideration before deciding upon a career path. If you ask yourself what's the point of doing a thorough research, we might be able to come up with some answers.



Firstly, in the current social and economical context, youngsters have to objectively analyse the labour market. This means we have to look forward and anticipate what is ahead of us. A university degree does not guarantee you a

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<sup>3</sup> <https://erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-vet-learner-and-staff-mobility-funding>

job. This does not suggest that you should not pursue your passion and work for your dreams. It simply involves the fact that you should improve the skills that the market needs.

Secondly, changes are a very common reality of today's world. In every community, things change very fast and we have to keep up with the newest trends, needs and perspectives. By doing this, you are actually helping yourself to create the future you want. Be up to date and keep up the good work!

Last but not least, we have to tell honestly tell you that taking your parents and friends advice is not a very accurate research. Although they have the best intentions for you, it's up to you to take responsibility for your actions and decide what is the best trajectory for you, according to your passions and to the labour market.



Hopefully, you will find this article helpful and you will start your research now. You always have to keep in mind that your passions can develop into skills that are useful and wanted in the market. Do your best and find out what will work best for you!

## TRAINING FOR A BETTER FUTURE!

Everyone has a chance to work abroad. If you do not feel ready to start a job, you can begin your journey with training courses that are available for you. For example, the Salto Youth Resources Centre<sup>4</sup> provides practical online tools for your youth work and training. Easy, right? All you have to do is search their website online and find out what opportunities are out there for you.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.salto-youth.net/>

The Council of Europe<sup>5</sup> is also offering a wide range of training courses for youngsters interested in youth work, European citizenship, education and democracy. These training will definitely help you improve your knowledge and open different career paths in your life. If you want to learn more information about the European Union, you can do it online via the Institute for European Studies.<sup>6</sup>

These tools are very useful for youngsters who want to improve their skills and competencies in order to be more prepared for a future job. Don't give up on your dreams and look for opportunities to start your career now!

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.coe.int/en/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.ies.be/>