



United Nations Development Programme in Lithuania

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS PLATFORM

Brief description

Lithuanian graduates' representation in international organizations and companies tends to be low. High schools' academic staff has little opportunities to gain understanding of the needs of international business/intergovernmental organizations to better respond to them while preparing academic curricula.

On the job training opportunities provide young talented people with skills, know-how and experience of working in an international multicultural environment while contributing to an organisation's goals.

Objective is to increase international career orientation and job prospects for Lithuanian graduates through establishing functional system for international students' internships and academic staff training visits based on international partners' network. The long-term goal is to increase representation of Lithuanians in international organizations and international companies.

Main Activities

Development of international students' internships/academic staff training visits organization models (introducing quality standards, training of internships/training visits organization specialists and international partnerships managers, improving services for students' career orientation);

Working out an international cooperation mechanism between international organizations/international companies and high education establishments;

Establishment of international organizations'/companies' network which will facilitate Lithuanian students internships providing them with on-the-job experience (max. 3 months) and academic staff training visits (max. 5 working days);

Organizing 150 paid students' internships in social and humanitarian programs and 70 academic staff training visits while employing the partnerships of the created network;

Branding of the International Internships Platform;

Assessment of tested models for international internships/training visits and their adaptation to nationwide level.

Expected Results:

International partnerships network comprising not less than 150 partners created and functioning in full capacity;

150 international paid students' internships and 70 academic staff training visits carried out through partnering with international organizations and companies.

Project Facts

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