To: Council for European Studies  
From: Felix Schneider  
5th October 2023

Subject: Working abroad

Introduction

The aim of this report is to give an overall picture of working abroad. It is based on a survey among around 3000 students at the ages of 18 to 29 years from Germany and was conducted in 2020.

Findings

The most significant fact is that most young people are of the opinion that they can gain crucial experience in foreign countries. Moreover, many students expect career advancements, a higher salary and better work conditions from their jobs abroad. However, only 13 percent of the respondents think that finding a job is easier in other countries.

Possible reasons

Because globalization plays a huge role in the technological sector, it makes sense that many young students want to broaden their horizons by being employed in a foreign country. As a result, it is logical that these people highly support studying abroad. Students at technical colleges specializing in information technology have the opportunity to work as well educated engineers, such as data scientists, developers, programmers or analysts for big companies like Google and Microsoft all over the world.

Effects on career path

Working abroad has long-term effects on the career path of students and employees, too. They are more likely to be promoted because many employers highly appreciate experienced employees and like to recruit hard-working, motivated, proactive, creative and flexible people who can work well in a team. These are all skills which can be gained more easily by studying in foreign countries.

Conclusion

Summing up, it can be said that working abroad is very attractive for young engineers because they get many benefits for their future careers.

- 269 words