



How to develop international Faculty/student exchanges and Internships/Placements

Denmark – Vocational Education

Background information

- No company contract - no certified education (some buffers)
- Internship - an integrated and mandatory part
- Faculty - partly academic partly skilled people from industry – obligation to have 5 y. of industry experience
- Voc. Education prepare for the labor Market
- One vocational system – public but self- governing
- Authority = Ministry
- Influential stakeholders = companies



International exchanges and internships

Why?

How?



International exchanges internships

Students/In Europe

As part of practical training

As part of the curriculum

Students/ In US

As part of practical training

As part of the curriculum

*Framework created and
Fundraising undertaken by the
college*

Faculty – anywhere

Guaranteed their salary and
all direct costs covered by
the college

Considered HRD and
investment in improved
teaching practice

Encouraged by the college
and part of personal
development plan



Role of the college to organize internships in Europe - EFTA

National program for internships abroad

Before internship:

- Agreement with Danish company , salary issues
- Cv – interview, assessment of personal and professional qualifications
- Company contract, negotiate working conditions, approval of internship professional contents by local (DK) professional board
- Fundraising
- Preparation of trainee – language, culture, personal readiness

During internship:

- Monitoring, regular contact with student, problem solving

After internship:

- Evaluation – changes in personal training plan at the college if necessary
- Documentation, reporting



Example of funding possibilities for the student:

- Travel expenses when returning for college training
- Moving expenses
- Half monthly rent (within a certain limit)
- Contribution to share when renting flat/room
- Wages during college training



Transfer of the idea to Work placements in US

- **EUC Syd has for two years worked on this objective.**
- **A small number of students have tested the idea with success**
- **Differences:**
 - Administration**
 - Funding**
 - Involvement of American companies**
- **Popular students**

Example of expenses:

- Compulsory health and accident insurance \$66 per month
- Compulsory additional insurance 480 DKK the first 3 months and then 150 DKK per month
- Administration fee DAF 480 DKK
- Fee to ASF \$400 per half year or 6% of trainee's salary
- Registration fee to Sevis (Student Exchange Visitor Information System) \$100
- Visa fee app 600 DKK