

“360 cross-border internships have taken place, matching skilled and motivated young trainees with regional organisations.”



DESCRIPTION

For young people beginning their careers, gaining experience, new skills and boosting self-esteem will get them ahead fast. For businesses suffering from talent shortages, special care and attention to apprentices is especially crucial for future-proofing. It's why the EUR.Friends initiative organised cross-border internships in a bid to counteract a regional 'brain drain' of young talent across the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

368 motivated interns undertook traineeships in accountancy, technology, construction and hospitality, with the support of an app designed to help them overcome language and cultural barriers. Some as young as 16 years-old and with only a basic grasp of foreign language threw themselves into the traineeships – proving that the future is bright in the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Arrondissement of Liège (Belgium), Arrondissement of Hasselt (Belgium), Arrondissement of Verviers – municipalities of the German Community (Belgium), South Limburg (Netherlands) and Cologne (Germany).

PROGRAMME

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