



European Graduate Placement Scheme

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Background to scheme

- Graduate Placement Scheme 2006-2008, piloted by CILT
- Pilot funded by DIUS (now BIS)
- Partners: ATC, with ATC members in London, Leeds, Manchester & Birmingham, and corresponding universities

Pilot scheme outputs

- 9 successful placements, leading to 6 offers of employment in-house
- 2 other placement students went on to freelance careers
- Handbook for employers, mentors, students and university tutors, benchmarked to National Occupational Standards for Translation

EGPS scheme

- European Graduate Placement Scheme (EGPS)
- Funded by EU Erasmus from 1 October 2012-31 March 2015
- Countries involved: UK, Germany, Spain and Poland
- Placements between all countries available, employers and universities other countries may also participate

EGPS scheme aims

- To further cooperation between higher education institutions and enterprise on a European level
- To stimulate mobility of students and staff in higher education
- To increase the employability of graduates and postgraduates studying translation
- To work with existing collaborations between employers, HEIs and projects such as Optimale

EGPS objectives

- establish a set of EU Occupational Standards for translation
- develop a form of accreditation for work placements linked to the Occupational Standards
- develop more partnerships between higher education & employers
- embed a practical work placement within each translation course enabling the student to gain real life experience of the profession.
- give students experience of a commercial environment in another country, increasing their mobility prospects.
- offer professional development to a translation employer's staff through mentoring activities.

EGPS scheme outputs

- a handbook containing guidance for participants, produced in four languages, interactive and online
- Website
- Curriculum models for universities
- Database of employers and universities participating in the scheme
- Training courses

Benefits to employers

- Extended job interview
- Language range
- Native speakers to benefit business
- Input into workforce development
- Flexibility – at a mutually convenient time
- Staff development - mentoring

How to get involved

- Website will host a database of European employers open to placements
- Register your interest in the scheme, and the languages most useful to you, with annemarie.graham@skillscfa.org
- We will add your details to the database and contact you in the new academic year