

> An International Student's Road to Employability – The Game



'I applied to a bunch of companies for an internship. It was very difficult, because I was rejected so many times and I didn't hear from many recruiters. So it was really discouraging' - International student



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Welcome



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Qualitative research:

- Interviews were held in the autumn of 2022 with:
 - 40 international students and alumni from participating UAS,
 - 40 regional employers (SMEs in the vicinity of the UAS involved),
 - 15 policy officers from the UAS involved,
 - **o 15 other actors involved in internationalisation on the local labour** market (in the vicinity of the UAS involved).
- The purpose of these interviews was to map the <u>needs and experiences</u> of the various stakeholders with regard to the local employability of international students.
- The insights gained from the qualitative research form the foundation of multiple INTERLOCALITY products, including the board game: An International Student's Road to Employability.









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An International Student's Road to Employability

- There is a very tight labour market, but many international students fail to find jobs. In the Netherlands, for example, only 32% of international students find a job within the first year after graduation; 76% have left the country after five years.
- The board game focuses on the employability journey of international students, from study choice to securing a local job after graduation.
- The board game offers insights into the challenges of international students during their studies and work experience, and the support they need to increase their chances of success.
- The aim is to foster discussion between stakeholders about the challenges of international students and the possible solutions they can offer to increase local employability.



How do you answer this question:

"What can you do – in your role/function/job or work activities – to better support international students in the future?"



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INTERLOCALITY An International Student's Road to Employability



Download or play the game.



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