

The PRAXIS Virtual Market is launched on October 10th. It provides many valuable features for universities, companies as well as students. Multicultural and multidisciplinary project teams or qualified and motivated interns generate innovation in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and thus render it more attractive. With the PRAXIS Virtual Market finding the right fit for projects or internships will no longer be a problem. So, how does this work?

It is very simple. Universities and companies can upload project or internship descriptions that will be published on the PRAXIS Virtual Market. Students have the chance to browse through the available offers so that they can search for opportunities according to their demands and qualifications. In this way, all types of course units and also projects realized with companies are easily set up. While companies and universities benefit from the great pool of talented and skilled European students, Europe will grow closer together.

Besides the coming together on in the Virtual Market, students' integration into crosscultural projects and internships will also be supported by PRAXIS. The portal will help to prepare students by providing teaching material and other content relevant to their future stay.

Start searching for a project or internship! Offer a project or internship! Visit the PRAXIS Virtual Market

## The first PRAXIS Book





The first PRAXIS book titled "Project Work and Internship - Theory and Practice" has just been released!

The book is addressed to university teachers, researchers, international relations offices staff and everybody who is interested in the contemporary challenges in the relations between academia and industry, especially those directly involving students through project work or internship.

The book covers four main areas of the subject matter that is:

- 1. Project/internship paradigms,
- 2. Employability and the HEI/industry interface,
- 3. Support tools, techniques and management,
- 4. Case studies.

This 400 page publication is available in printed form and as ebook. The e-book will be soon available on www.praxisnetwork.eu & and on the web site of the International Center for Entrepreneurship.

## Project & Internship Survey results

The PRAXIS consortium carried out an online survey, between October 2012 and January 2013, with the purpose of identifying the preferences of students with regards to Project/Internship courses and the available offer from higher education institutions and companies.

The PRAXIS consortium members, including Associated Partners, were asked to participate. Each of these institutions asked their students and a few local companies to participate in the survey. This survey produced **1797 responses from students, 65** from companies and **77 from higher education institutions**.

The main results of the study show that there is a fair alignment between students' preferences and the opportunities offered by companies and higher education

institutions with regards to Project/Internship activities.

There is an opportunity for companies and mainly higher education institutions to promote Project/Internship courses developed in international teams. The companies and higher education institutions may also increment their offer of projects combined with internships which is the format preferred by students.

In general, students are aware that a Project/Internship done in a company or in close cooperation is their first chance to be employed.