Standing out from the Crowd: How Students can make their skills better understood

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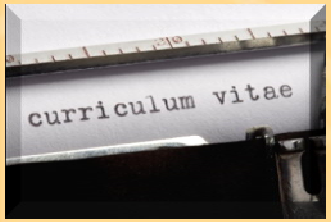
The Documents:

The Europass portfolio comprises 5 documents:



Curriculum Vitae

Language Passport

Europass Mobility

Diploma Supplement

Certificate Supplement

The component parts are distinct and separate and can be used individually or in association with one another.

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Student Mobility and Skills?

What skills and competences do mobile students need to record?

Academic

CV, LP, EM, DS, CS

Intercultural

CV, EM

Language

CV, LP

Communication

CV, LP, EM

Social / Interpersonal

CV, EM

Organisational

CV, EM

Teamwork

CV, EM

CV – Curriculum Vitae
LP – Language Passport
EM – Europass Mobility
DS – Diploma Supplement
CS – Certificate Supplement

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Language Skills

According to a European Commission Survey in 2005, what percentage of European citizens are Bilingual?

50 %

And how many Luxembourgish citizens are bilingual?

99 %

And how many UK citizens are bilingual?

30 %

Why are languages important?

"*Already, lack of language skills is rendering the UK less capable of meeting ever-growing international competition at all levels, and is highly likely to make UK citizens less capable of seeking work opportunities abroad to compensate for shrinking employment prospects at home.*"

British Academy's report *Language Matters, 2009*

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Europass Language Passport

Europass Language Passport

Part of the European Language Portfolio developed by the Council of Europe

Surname(s) First name(s)	Keilie Cunningham
Date of birth [1]	14/11/1982
Mother tongue(s)	English
Other language(s)	German, French, Italian

Language	German					
Self-assessment of language skills [1]	Understanding		Speaking		Writing	
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production		
European level [1]	Proficient user (C2)	Proficient user (C2)	Proficient user (C1)	Proficient user (C1)	Proficient user (C1)	
Diploma(s) or certificate(s) [1]	MA in German		University of Edinburgh		June 2004	
	Title of diploma(s) or certificate(s)		Awarding body		Year	European Level [1] [2]
Linguistic experience(s) [1]	Erasmus year studying at the University of Konstanz				VII/2002	3/9/2003
	Description				From	To
	2 month Work experience in a Grundschule (primary school) in Baden Wuttenberg				V/12001	31/8/2001
	Description				From	To

Language	French					
Self-assessment of language skills [1]	Understanding		Speaking		Writing	
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production		
European level [1] [2]	Proficient user (C1)	Proficient user (C1)	Independent user (B2)	Independent user (B2)	Independent user (B2)	
Diploma(s) or certificate(s) [1]	Sixth Year Studies French		Scottish Qualifications Authority		June 2000	
	Title of diploma(s) or certificate(s)		Awarding body		Year	European Level [1] [2]
Linguistic experience(s) [1]	4 weeks bar work in Avignon				V/12000	31/8/2000
	Description				From	To

Language	Italian					
Self-assessment of language skills [1]	Understanding		Speaking		Writing	
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production		
European level [1] [2]	Proficient user (C2)	Proficient user (C1)	Proficient user (C2)	Proficient user (C2)	Independent user (B1)	
Linguistic experience(s) [1]	9 months waitressing in Rome				V/17/2004	30/4/2005
	Description				From	To

What does it do?

Provides individuals the opportunity to exhibit their language abilities, in particular:

- **informal language skills** –self assessment CEFR;
- **academic language courses;**
- **linguistic experience** –gained on work or study placements.

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How does it work?

•Complete it either via the online portal at http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu
•Complete it using the new Europass Language Passport iPhone Application available from the Apple App Store.

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Recording Mobility Experiences

EUROPASS MOBILITY

1. THIS EUROPASS MOBILITY DOCUMENT IS AWARDED TO

Surname(s): DUPONT — First name(s): Stephan — Photograph

Address (house number, street name, postcode, city, country): Kavala str. 52, GR-54248 Thessaloniki

Date of birth: 21 05 1972 — Nationality: Irish — Signature of the holder

NB: Headings marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

2. THIS EUROPASS MOBILITY DOCUMENT IS ISSUED BY

Name of the issuing organisation: Vocational College of Greenfield

Europass Mobility number: Europass Mobility No UK-1235486 — Issuing date: 23 01 2004

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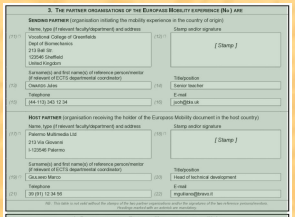

3. THE PARTNER ORGANISATIONS OF THE EUROPASS MOBILITY EXPERIENCE (No.) ARE

SENDING PARTNER (organisation initiating the mobility experience in the country of origin):

Name, type (if relevant faculty/department) and address: Vocational College of Greenfields, Dept of Biomechanics, 213 Mall Str, 123546 Sheffield, United Kingdom — Stamp and/or signature: [Stamp]

Surname(s) and first name(s) of reference person/mentor (if relevant of ECTS departmental coordinator): Dawkins John — Title/position: Senior teacher

Telephone: (44-113) 343 12 34 — E-mail: jsch@bts.uk

HOST PARTNER (organisation receiving the holder of the Europass Mobility document in the host country):

Name, type (if relevant faculty/department) and address: Palermo Multimedia Ltd, 213 Via Giovanni, I-123546 Palermo — Stamp and/or signature: [Stamp]

Surname(s) and first name(s) of reference person/mentor (if relevant of ECTS departmental coordinator): Giuliano Marco — Title/position: Head of technical development

Telephone: 39 (91) 12 34 56 — E-mail: mgiuliano@teave.it

NB: The table is not valid without the stamps of the two partner organisations and/or the signature of the two reference persons/mentors. Headings marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE EUROPASS MOBILITY EXPERIENCE (No.)

Objective of the Europass Mobility experience: To acquire a first work experience in an international environment

Initiative during which the Europass Mobility experience is completed, if applicable: Upper secondary vocational qualification - Electrician (mandatory placement)

Qualification (certificate, diploma or degree) to which the education or training leads, if any: National Craft Certificate: Electrician

Community or mobility programme involved, if any:

Duration of the Europass Mobility experience: From 01 09 1994 (dd mm yyyy) To 31 11 2004 (dd mm yyyy)

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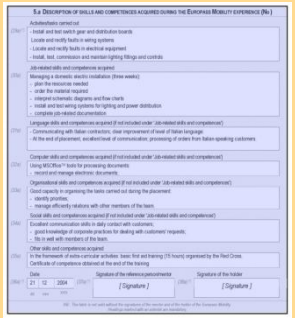

5.a DESCRIPTION OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES ACQUIRED DURING THE EUROPASS MOBILITY EXPERIENCE (No.)

Activities/tasks carried out:
- Install and test switch gear and distribution boards
- Locate and rectify faults in wiring systems
- Locate and rectify faults in electrical equipment
- Install, test, commission and maintain lighting fittings and controls

Job-related skills and competences acquired:
Managing a domestic electric installation (three weeks):
- plan the resources needed
- order the material required
- interpret schematic diagrams and flow charts
- install and test wiring systems for lighting and power distribution
- complete job-related documentation

Language skills and competences acquired (if not included under 'Job-related skills and competences'):
- Communicating with Italian contractors; clear improvement of level of Italian language
At the end of placement, excellent level of communication; processing of orders from Italian-speaking customers

Computer skills and competences acquired (if not included under 'Job-related skills and competences'):
- Using MS Office ® tools for processing documents
- record and manage electronic documents

Organisational skills and competences acquired (if not included under 'Job-related skills and competences'):
Good capacity in organising the tasks carried out during the placement:
- identify priorities
- manage efficiently relations with other members of the team

Social skills and competences acquired (if not included under 'Job-related skills and competences'):
Excellent communication skills in daily contact with customers:
- good knowledge of corporate practices for dealing with customers' requests
- fits in well with members of the team

Other skills and competences acquired:
In the framework of extra-curricular activities: basic first aid training (15 hours) organised by the Red Cross
Certificate of competence obtained at the end of the training

Date: 21 12 2004 — Signature of the reference person/mentor: [Signature] — Signature of the holder: [Signature]

NB: The table is not valid without the signature of the mentor and of the holder of the Europass Mobility. Headings marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

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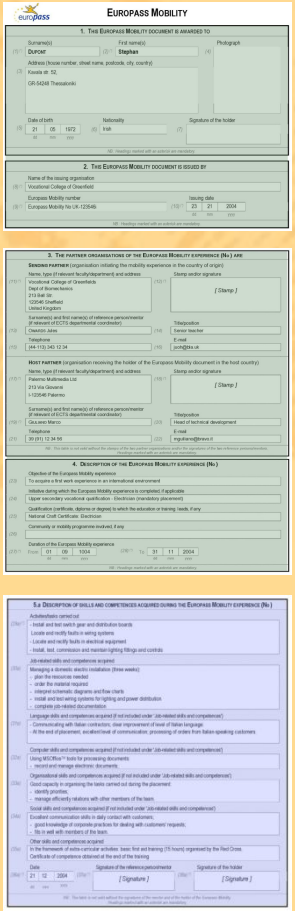
Europass Mobility Supplement

What does it do?

It provides a record, and **validation** of, skills and competences acquired by an individual during an organised period of learning or training (a “European Mobility Experience”) in another European Country.



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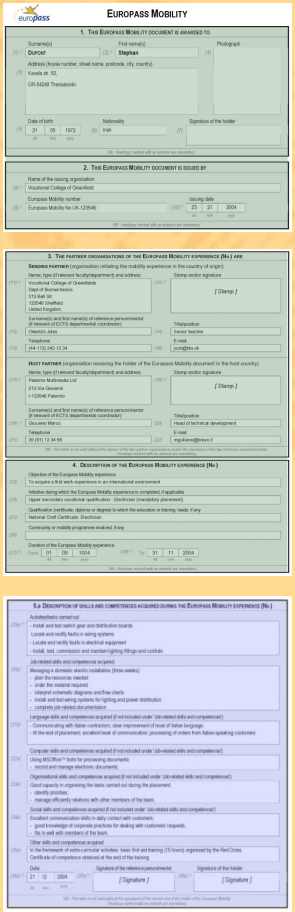

Advantages

•Highlights an individual's cultural awareness, transferable and soft skills as well as academic achievement.
•Mobility experience is validated by the **sending organisation** and **host organisation**, giving a measure of formalisation.
•Increases transparency & visibility of Mobility experiences by promoting gained knowledge, skills and experience.
•Potential to be used to record credit.

The Skills Passport – Youth on the Move

•An electronic e-portfolio of skills and competences.
•Expanding the remit of Europass Mobility to Domestic and worldwide mobility.
•Likely to include work experience, non-formal learning and training, and daily life experiences.

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Improving *Graduate* Mobility

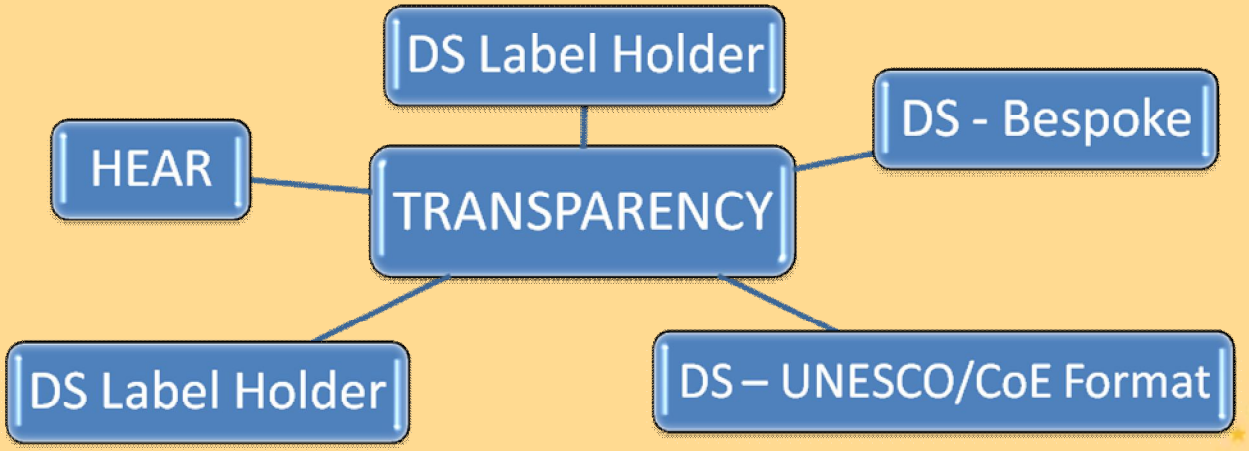
According to HESA statistics – between 2002 and 2007, the % of graduates working in another country within 6 months of completing studies was?

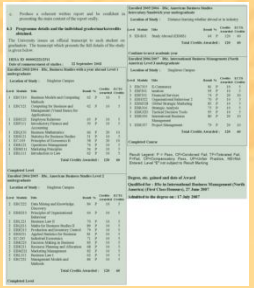
2.4% for undergraduates and 2.6% for postgraduates*

Of those that did move abroad, the percentage moving to the European Union was?

44.1% for undergraduates and 34.6% for graduates*

Diploma Supplement and the UK





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* Statistics taken from *National and International migration flows* Office for national statistics – Autumn 2010

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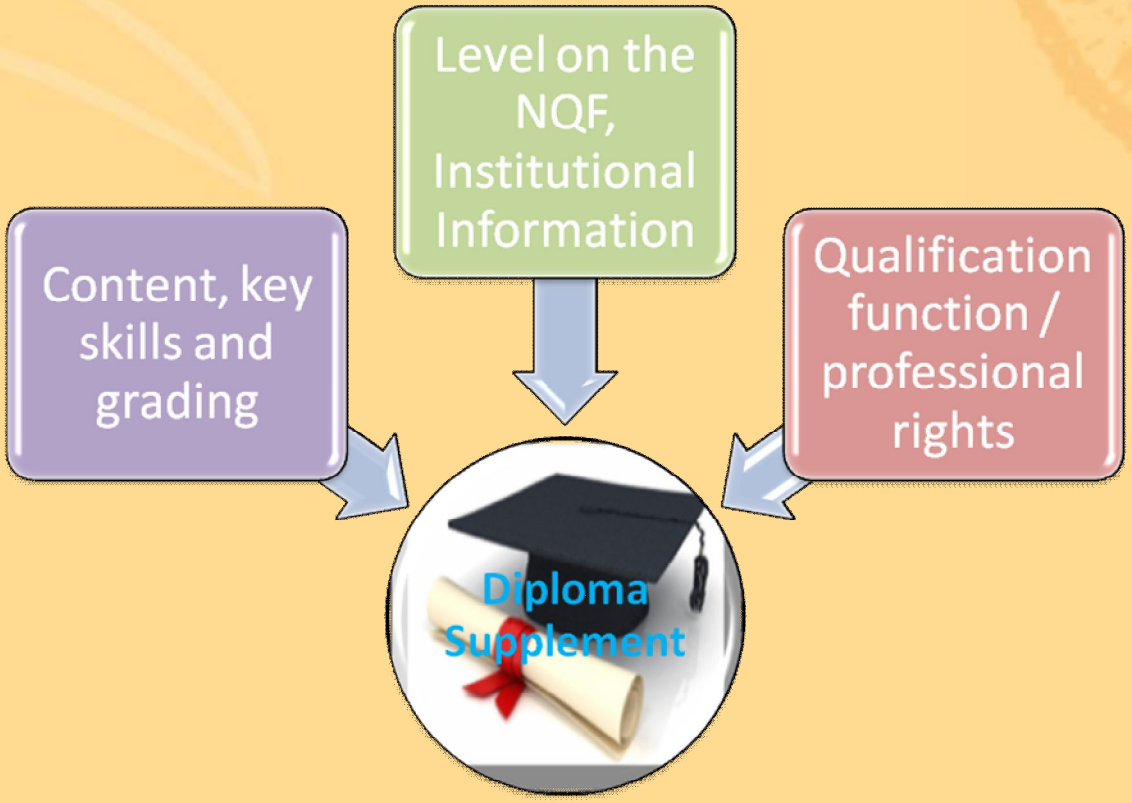
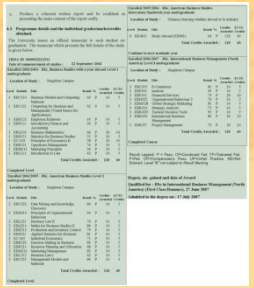
The Diploma Supplement

- Supplement to Diploma Certificate
- Designed to provide **transparency** of Higher Education qualifications **domestically**, but particularly **across Europe**, and increasingly **worldwide**.





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Advantages: Why use the European template?

Transparency

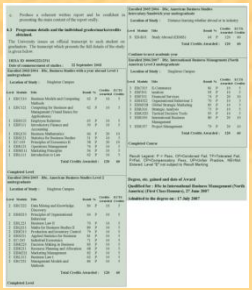
- Makes qualifications more transparent both within, and between member states.
- Aids recognition.
- Enhances employers' and HEIs' understanding of qualifications from other Member States.

Mobility

- Promotes the mobility of graduates by enhancing the transparency of qualifications between member states of the EU.
- Increasing the mobility of graduates enhances the reputation of the Issuing Institution.

Consistency

- Ensures consistency in terms of the information provided in each member state, which in turn improves transparency.
- Information is presented in a standard document format, making content readily available to those seeking to rely on it.



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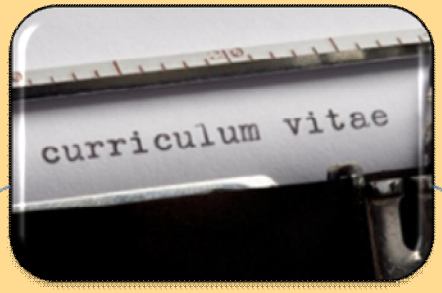

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