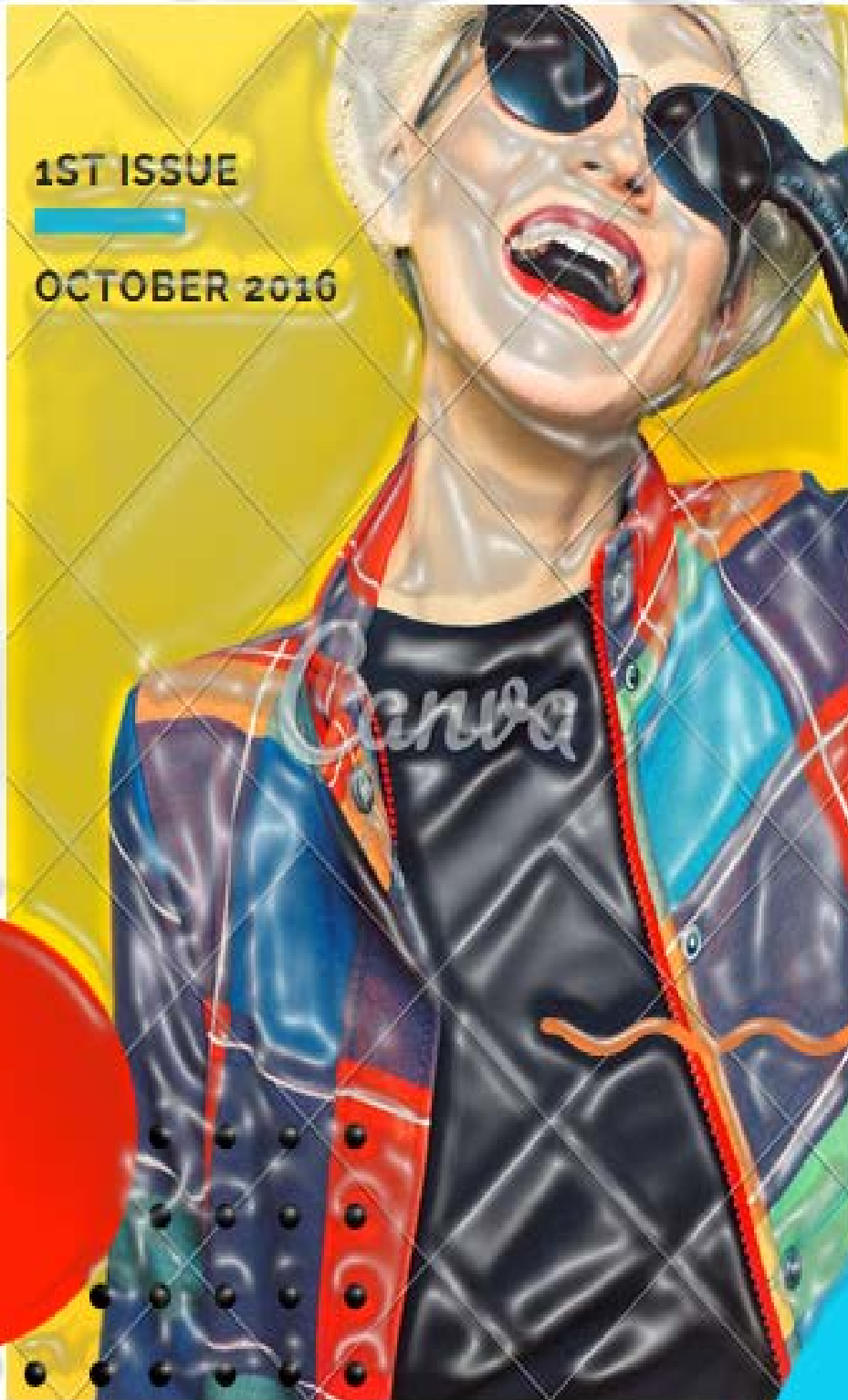


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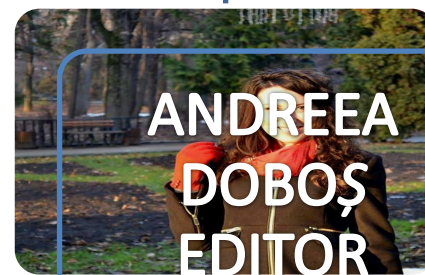
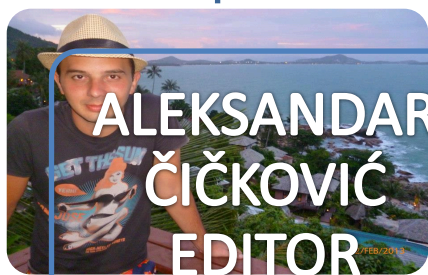
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TO ASK OR NOT TO ASK

Aleksandar Čičković

In our weekly interview “To ask or not to ask”, we bring you exclusive interview with Jim Carrey, president of the European Commission. Today's topic was EU opportunities for youth. We are bringing you the full article.

1. *Mr. Carrey, Jim Carrey, thank you for being here with us today. Many of our readers are students who are interested in getting international experience during their studies. Are there any opportunities available for them and if yes, what are those opportunities?*

Yes, of course, students today have more opportunities to get international experience than ever before. Plan of the European Commission is that through Erasmus programme, more than 2 million students do their Erasmus until the end of 2020. I'm proud to say that we are on the track and we are positive that we will reach our goals. Erasmus is a student exchange programme that has been in existence since the late 1980's. It's purpose is to provide foreign exchange option for students and they can go abroad for 3 to 12 months and they get grants that cover their accommodation, food and public transportation during that period.

2. *That's really great. Can you tell us what exactly is Erasmus Internship programme, is it same as Erasmus? Who can apply for this programme?*

The Erasmus Internship programme gives students obtaining higher education the opportunity to take an internship in another European country. This usually lasts between two and twelve months. The programmes gives chance to get experience in chosen field, as well as the experience of working in a different country. The youth who participate in this programme also develop individual skills. This includes new language skills as well as practical training. They learn about the host country and experience the culture. To go on an internship abroad, person must be registered at an institution of higher education and has to be studying for a higher qualification. Examples include bachelors, masters and a doctoral degree.

3. *Is Erasmus+ just for higher education or others can participate in it also?*

No, Erasmus+ is the result of the integration of different programmes including the lifelong learning, youth in action and Erasmus Mundus. It is open for everyone who wants to get new experience in another EU country.

4. *That's really great news for all those youth who finished their studies and still cannot find job. Can you tell us more about EVS, what exactly is it and who can take part in it?*

Young people living in the EU can take part in volunteering opportunities, lasting from two weeks to 12 months, through the European Voluntary Service (EVS). EVS gives you the chance to experience other cultures and languages up-close and the opportunity to try out the type of work they might like it do in the future. Everyone aged between 18-30 years living in the EU can

participate in it and they can do EVS in any of the 32 programme countries or any of the partner countries neighbouring the EU. For more info about these opportunities, you can search the European youth portals EVS database.

5. *What are the other opportunities that are possible for youth who finished or dropped out from their universities?*

Even if you are not a student, there are still many opportunities to get international experience. You can apply for job shadowing that gives you opportunity to go to youth organization and learn from more experienced workers. You can go on youth mobility projects that last between 5 and 21 day and there you get opportunity to gain new skills and knowledge in international environment. For the new entrepreneurs, there is also programme called „Erasmus for young entrepreneurs” where new entrepreneurs can go to foreign country for a period of 1-6 months and get insights on how that business looks like. They can get useful skills that will help them in future business, but it can also show them if this business is really for them or they should focus on something else and choose other career. There are many opportunities for getting work and other experience inside EU, you just need to search for it and choose wisely.

Mr. Carrey, Jim Carrey, thank you again for your time and information's, I'm sure it will be useful for youngsters all around the Europe.

- No no, thank you.



FOR THE NEW YOU

Andreea Doboş

Did you know that we can tell what are a person's aptitudes are from a very young age? Research shows that even if you are only 6 years old it is possible to discover a child's strong points and build their road based on them.

Nevertheless, many of us get to maturity and finish school realizing they don't like what they are doing and have no clue how to change this.

This happens because we don't make our educational choices based on our aptitudes. In fact, schools can make a huge difference in the way people make decisions. According to the National Foundation for Educational Research, there is a strong link between the schools which support students encouraging leadership and the youngsters who make the most rational decisions.



Also, one big mistake that schools make is that they overwhelm students with information, classes and choices, assuming that the more options you have, the easier it will be to make your decision. In the end students are overwhelmed, confused and end up following the crowd.

Now, the real question is: *What can students do to make wiser educational choices?* First of all, we should focus more on discovering what are our aptitudes and strengths. We advise youngsters to discover what they like to do and act in that direction. Do you like to paint? Subscribe on a painting session. Are you good at math? Join an economy club. This will enable you to tell if this is something you could do on a regular basis.

Furthermore, mediate information. The internet offers us access to a multitude of sources and ideas, but it is important to get through that online jungle and make a selection. Use the power of internet and media to access documented research that shows the latest market trends in terms of employment.

Following the same line, it would be advisable to do research and discover what the main market trends in your country are. Is there are need for accountants and you have an analytical thinking, then maybe this is something you should consider. Do you speak foreign languages? Then see how many companies are looking for interprets or translators.

Don't choose your career on a market that is already saturates. That will decrease your chances of finding a job in your area of expertise. Plus, if there are a lot of people applying for the same position, the wages will decrease as well.

For young students who are about to graduate from university, job shadowing would be a facile way to learn more about different areas of activity. You can find job shadowing opportunities online, or send your resume directly to the company that interests you. This will enable you to get a glimpse on the inside and have a more practical overview on your preferred fields of activity.

Another useful thing is internships. Many companies offer paid internships these days, and this is a terrific opportunity to gain experience. Even though the payment might not be very high, it will be definitively benefit you in the end. Finally, don't hesitate to ask for guidance! There are specialized counsellors in the pre-university and university system, which will support you in discovering your strengths and choosing your career wisely.

International projects offered by the European Union might also help you develop, gain some experience and more confidence in your skills. These projects are aimed at supporting youngsters find a suitable career, exploiting their potential and develop in the right direction. For more information on youth employment opportunities and career choices, please visit:

www.megazine/careerchoices/opportunities//.com



DO'S AND DONT'S – WORKING ABROAD

Gabriella Gósi



THE UNITED KINGDOM

Do not work and live in London!

It's very expensive – the rent, the public transport, internet, TV, mobile, supermarkets and having the vacation. Moreover the weather is really terrible and changeable – you never know how to dress up because sunshine and rain always change each other and outside it's cold, inside it's hot, also in the metro stations – these are the best circumstances to be ill always.



ITALY

It's also expensive to live but only at the north above Rome, but the weather compensates you. Under Rome it's cheaper and getting more and more cheaply until we got to the heel of the boots.

Italians spend lots of money for clothing and fashion, but don't follow this bad habit.



BELGIUM

The life could be like heaven with Belgian chocolate. The salary is one of the highest like income tax and pharmacy but the utilities are low.



MACEDONIA

The salary is very low, but the country and the people are very kind, opened and public transport is cheap. Hardware to find a Job – please don't take the workplaces away from the locals, it's better worth for you and the locals only to visit and having a vacation, getting new friends, because the Macedonian people are the best party people.



BULGARIA

The income tax is very low, but the utilities are high. You can buy clothes here very cheap, also doing sports, hobbies and go to vacation.



HUNGARY

If you want to be a doctor or pharmacist, come and study in HUNGARY because there are the cheapest medical university and equipment's, but after graduation don't stay in HUNGARY because the salary is very low in every job. Be ambitions and get what you want and then move abroad – but before that have a big party experience at SZIGET festival.

QUESTIONS FROM READERS

Andreea Doboş

- **Emma, 19, UK:**

Hi MEGA ZINE! I'm about to graduate from high school and I'm not quite sure what field to choose. Can you help me with some suggestions on the most demanded positions nowadays? THX!

MEGAzine: Hello Emma! First of all you should think what are your abilities and strengths, and what would be your dream job. Further on, we recommend consulting several local job websites, presuming that you want to stay in the United Kingdom.

If you are considering a job outside your country, we recommend taking a look at the programs offered by the European Union, such as Erasmus, EVP, and others. This will help you learn how to take advantage of your mobility inside the EU and even do some practice.



- **Jean Jacques, 20, France:**

Chère MEGA ZINE, I'm in my second year at the economics university and I have to choose my specialization. What do you think are the most interesting fields in terms of economics?

MEGAzine: *Bonjour* Jean Jacques! Economics is a wide field and there are plenty of choices. To discover what you would like the most, we highly recommend job shadowing. This will enable you to test different areas of activity and make a well-informed choice.

To access job-shadowing opportunities, you can check the community boards, or websites if the search of different possibilities. Plus, if you see interesting companies that are hiring, don't hesitate to contact them for job shadowing opportunities.



- **Ivan, 24, Croatia:**

Bok Mega Zine! I've just graduated as a technical engineer. Now, I would like to get a job in a different country to gain more experience. What country do you advise me to choose considering my studies?

MEGAzine: *Bok bok*, Ivan! The best thing to do if you're looking for a job outside your country would be to access EURES and find out more about the opportunities offered. There you can upload your CV and gain access to millions of jobs available across Europe, all from companies willing to hire foreigners. The vacancies will be presented to you taking into account your previous experience, plus you can also obtain guidance from their specialized counsellors. Let us know how it goes!



- **Liisa, 23, Estonia:**

Tere Mega Zine! I've just graduated from university as a translator and I'm having a really hard time finding a job. All companies want to hire experienced people, and they don't want to waste their time offering you an opportunity to actually learn. What should I do?

MEGAzine: *Tere Liisa!* The best, and one of the most accessible ways to gain experience as a freshly graduate is to apply for an internship. Even a low paid internship will help you gain the experience you need and it can also help you gain confidence.



QUIZ TIME

Do you know how to put together a perfect CV?

1. **While conducting your CV you should use...**
 - a) Positive language
 - b) Neutral language
 - c) Negative language
2. **You should put your name and e-mail address on...**
 - a) Every page
 - b) Only on the first page
 - c) No name and e-mail is needed
3. **The best form of a CV is...**
 - a) Hand written CV
 - b) Machine written CV
 - c) Video CV
4. **For a better CV you should...**
 - a) Include a photo
 - b) Never use a photo
 - c) Include a photo if requested
5. **Perfect CV is...**
 - a) Less than two pages
 - b) Two pages
 - c) More than two pages
6. **It is good to use in your CV...**
 - a) Concrete outcomes to support your claims
 - b) Everything about your outcomes (incl. failed exams and negative results)
 - c) Lies about your achievements to look better
7. **The most important info about you (experience & education) should be in your CV...**
 - a) Up-front
 - b) In the end
 - c) Somewhere in the middle

0 – 6 p

You really need to work on your CV writing skills. The best option for you would be to make use of the internet for sample CVs and CV templates. Always remember to give out honest info about you and make your CV 2 pages long.

But don't worry; there is still hope for you if you'll put some effort into improving

7 - 10 p

You are on the right track. Remember to only include the photo on your CV if requested and always use positive language and power words like motivated, managed and achieved.

Keep this in mind and you'll be fine!

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Excellent! You are a CV writing genius. You shouldn't have any problems with finding a job if you have your awesome CV writing skills.

Keep up the good work!

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