

Study Abroad



Europe
is **OPEN** to
YOU

This booklet has been brought to you by Euroguidance and Eurodesk, with input from Susan Scott of Clondalkin Youth Service and Nicola Moran of Youth Work Ireland, Roscommon, to let you know that when it comes to further study, there are many options available abroad.

In fact, there are thousands of courses taught through English in Europe. Some Universities also offer intensive language courses to allow you to study in their language.

This booklet gives you some tips and useful websites so that you can find out more about the amazing chances available to study in Europe.

If you can't find the answer you are looking for we are here to help you. Information and support are also available from your local youth information officer and guidance counsellor.

We hope it won't be long till you are dusting off your passport and packing your wheely bag on an new adventure to study in Europe.

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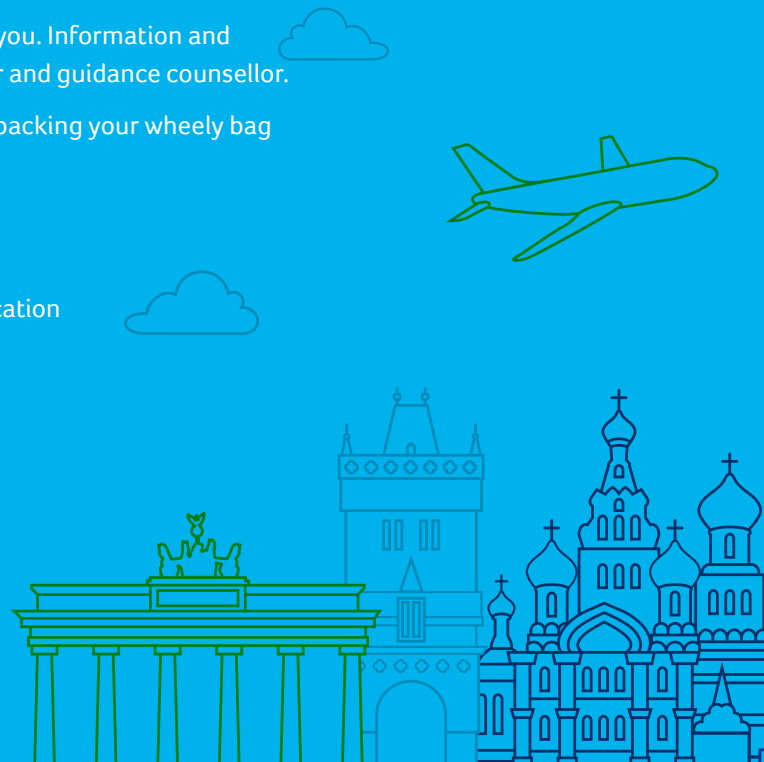
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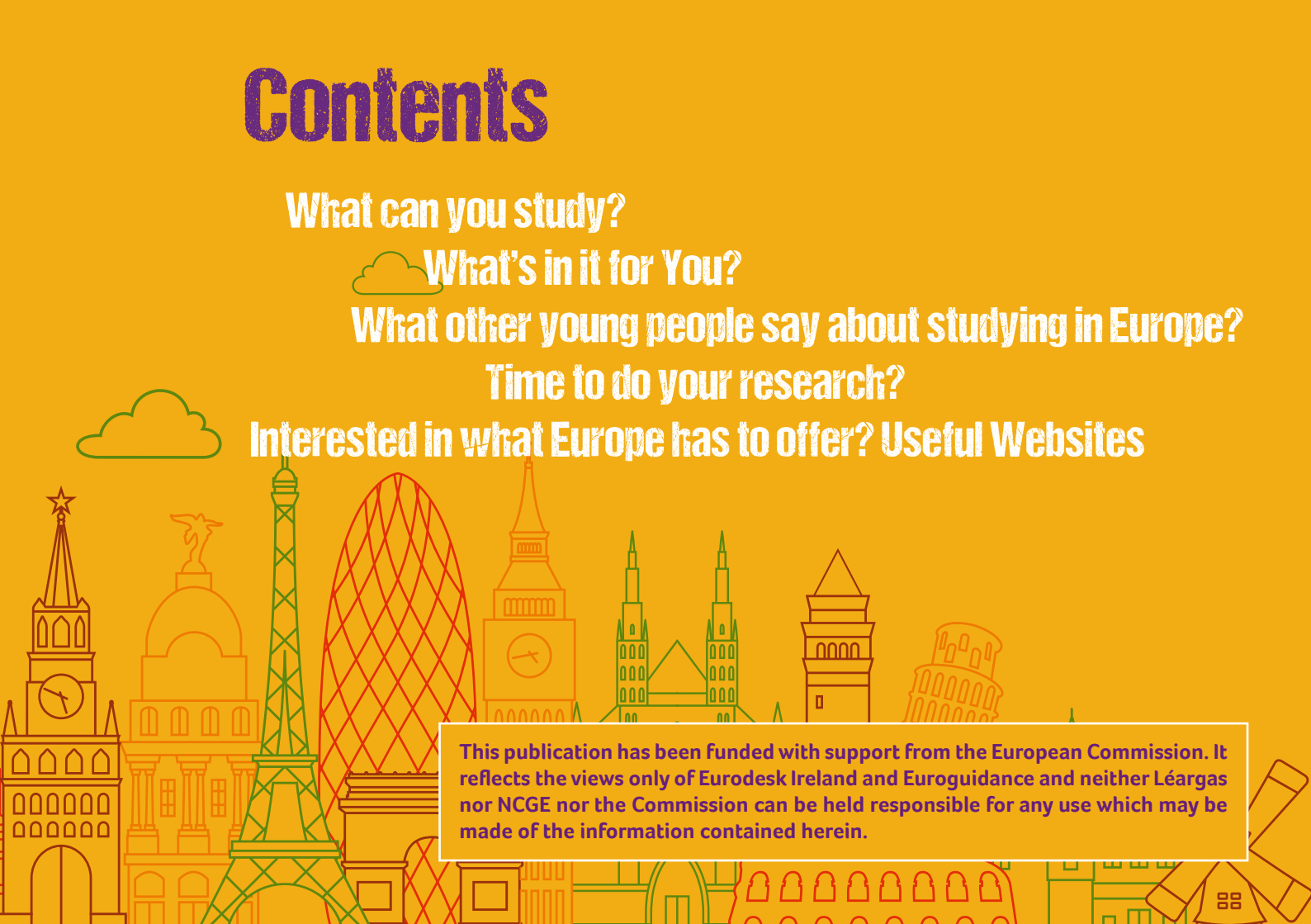
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What can you study?

Law in the Netherlands?

Science in Denmark?

Music in Estonia?

Art in France?

IT in Sweden?

Dance in Germany?

Dentistry in Poland?

Nursing in Scotland?

Vetinary Studies in Hungary?

Every country has a searchable database to see what courses are on offer. So if you would like to find out more on the available options, on applying and other practical matters you can visit:

Study in Finland website at <http://www.studyinfinland.fi>

Study in Denmark website at <http://studyindenmark.dk>

Study in Germany website at <http://www.study-in.de>

Study in Poland website at <http://www.studyinpoland.pl>

Study in Sweden website at <https://www.studyinsweden.se>

You see the pattern there! Lots of countries and lots of courses at your fingertips. To help get you focussed you may find the PLOTEUS database a good jumping off point <https://www.ec.europa.eu/ploteus/>

Good Luck!

BSC Computer Sciences: Software Technology

Country: Sweden

Tuition fee: **€ 0**

Entry requirements: Leaving cert 6 subjects including maths, chemistry & Physics, two subjects to be at HC3

Application: 1 December closing 15 April

BSC Sustainable Biotechnology

Country: Denmark

Tuition fee: **€ 0**

Entry requirements: Leaving cert 6 subjects including maths, physics, chemistry two subjects to be at HC3

Application: 1 February to 15 March

LLB International & European Law

Country: Netherlands

Tuition fee: **€2,006**

Entry requirements: Leaving cert 6 subjects including maths, three subjects to be at H5

Application: 1 February - 15 March

BSC Artificial Intelligence

Country: Netherlands

Tuition fee: **€1,984**

Entry requirements: Leaving cert 6 passes, two subjects to be at HC3

Application: Deadline 15 June & letter of motivation

BA Fine Arts

Country: Netherlands

Tuition fee: **€1,984**

Entry requirements: Leaving cert 6 subjects including maths, two subjects to be at HC3

Application: 1 October closing 1 June

BA Music (Accordion)

Country: Estonia

Study language: English

Tuition fee: **€550**

Application: 1 January - 10 June

What's in it for You?



Leading
Universities
on Offer



Step out of the
Leaving Certificate
points race



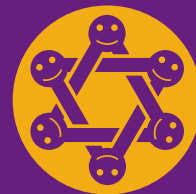
Count
the Cost



Fun &
Adventure



Unique
Selling Point
on your CV



Intercultural
Life
Experience

What other young people say about

You see your own country from another perspective, both the good and the bad. Makes you appreciate the positives and hopefully come home with alternatives to help solve the negatives.

Nellie

Studying abroad is the best decision I have made to date.

Claire

I would definitely encourage everyone to consider studying abroad. I'm studying in the Netherlands - it's such an amazing experience that has opened up so many unimagined opportunities. It's a chance to travel, to meet new people and experience a different country and culture.

Grace

I found the cost of living and studying in the Netherlands just the same as Ireland.

Language in the Netherlands it is not a problem as everyone speaks English and is always willing to help.

Grace

studying in Europe

Chances are you'll make international friends, friendships often become lifelong friendships and they will keep you open-minded and interested in the world at large.

Nellie

For me, my time in France was much more than just studying, it was exploring the world of different cultures, languages, people, traditions everything.

Alan

My love for the German language and passion for international culture prospered during my Erasmus year in Germany. Once I finished my bachelor degree in DCU I knew Germany was the next step for me. I have now been living here for more than a year and couldn't be happier.

Claire

There's no running home to stock up on groceries or getting your washing done, you have to learn to fend for yourself, cook for yourself and how to work a washing machine.

Nellie

Time to do your research?



Language Skills

The most important detail that you should pay attention to when deciding to study and even to work abroad is to check the main languages used in the particular country.

Most institutions offer courses in English, other courses are taught in the native language. To solve the language barrier, short intensive courses are offered.

For example in Poland, foreign students can be accepted on courses offered in the Polish language after the completion of a year-long preparation course.

Check for Other Requirements

Apart from the language skills, some institutions have additional admission requirements. For example, if you are applying for graduate studies in Estonia, you may be asked to submit a letter addressed to the Head of the Department, in which you describe your subjects of interest, your motives and plans for study. It is common when applying abroad, to need some or all of the following:

- Completed application form
- A Certified copy of your qualifications
- A Statement of Purpose (similar to the letter for Estonia)
- Three or Four photos
- Copy of your passport

Before applying for a particular course in any country, you should ask the institution about their selection procedure.

For example, students with a FETAC 5 in pre-nursing are particularly welcome in the UK so we would encourage you to contact the institution directly to find out what you need to include in your application.

Recognition of Studies

Another important aspect you need to consider when going abroad, is whether your qualification will be recognised when you return home. In Europe, recognition of degrees and diplomas is arranged through a common credit system known as the European Credit Transfer System or ECTS.

The certificates from overseas accepted as equivalent in Ireland can be checked by contacting NARIC Ireland at Quality and Qualifications Ireland <http://www.qqi.ie> who provide advice on recognition of foreign qualifications in Ireland and on the recognition of Irish qualifications abroad.

The EU has clear directives about the recognition of professional qualifications in practice.

The professions falling under the directive are nurses, midwives, doctors (general practitioners and specialists), dental practitioners, pharmacists, architects and veterinary surgeons. More information can be found on <http://ec.europa.eu>

You can also find useful information at **Europass** <http://www.europass.ie>, an initiative which aims to help you make your skills and qualifications clearly and easily understood in Europe and further afield.

And all the other stuff

Similar to planning a holiday, we can't stress how important it is that you check that your passport is valid for when you plan to travel and in good condition.

In addition to your passport, other useful documents to bring with you include:

- Your student card
- European Health Insurance Card and/or other documents relating to health insurance

As an Irish resident you are entitled to get healthcare through the public system in countries of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland if you become ill or injured while on a temporary stay there but you need to have your card for this. You can download an application form from www.ehic.ie or get it from your Local Health Office. You should apply for the card at least one month before travelling if possible.

Source: <http://www.hse.ie>

- Your CV
- Any relevant certificates from education or training courses you have completed
- Contact information for your nearest Irish embassy/consulate in the country to which you will be travelling

See the “**Leaving Ireland for Europe**” guide produced by Crosscare Migrant Project for more tips before you leave <http://www.migrantproject.ie>

Interested in what Europe has to offer? Useful Websites

<https://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/>

PLOTEUS aims to help students, job seekers, workers, parents, guidance counsellors and teachers to find information about studying in Europe. On PLOTEUS you can find relevant information about learning and training possibilities available throughout the EU.



<http://eurodesk.ie>

Eurodesk provides free information on opportunities such as travelling, working, studying and volunteering in Europe for young people aged 13 - 30.

<http://euroguidance.ie>

Euroguidance Ireland is part of a network of centres linking together the Careers Guidance systems in Europe. Euroguidance helps guidance counsellors and individuals to better understand the opportunities available throughout Europe.



<http://www.europass.ie>

Europass has information and tools to help make skills and qualifications clearly and easily understood in Europe

<http://www.youthportal.ie>

European Youth Portal has information and inspiring articles on studying abroad. Go to the Learning section (school & university) and scroll down the countries' list on the right hand side to find information on studying in specific countries. Check the Travelling section on transport and accommodation options.

http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/index_en.htm

Your Europe is an EU site designed to help you do things in other European countries such as moving, living, studying, working, shopping or simply travelling abroad.

