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**Commission announces pilot project to boost digital skills through internships**

The European Commission announced plans for a pilot project to provide working experience in the digital field for 5,000-6,000 graduate students in 2018-2020. The paid 4-5 months internships will be available for students of all disciplines.

Despite high levels of youth unemployment, there are two million job vacancies in Europe. In many countries there is a mismatch between the skills of the job seeker and the needs of the labour market. Today most jobs need digital skills and more than half of ICT specialists work outside the ICT sector. 40% of enterprises – mostly small and medium businesses – need ICT specialists and find it difficult to recruit them.

More information is available [here](#)