VICTOR TABACARU’S GERMAN EXPERIENCE
MY “DUAL” STUDENT STATUS

- Master’s Program at TU München
- Internship at Voith GmbH
PART ONE – THE STUDIES

Student support

- Great connection with companies
- Seminars and workshops
- Mandatory Internship
- Supervising professor

- Events
- Website portal
- Industry or at an institute
... HOWEVER,

- **Major difference** – Students expected to study a lot outside classes – condensed information
- **Difficult** – Internship during the Semester
Part Two – The Internship

Internship in a company

- Future career in Germany
- Surrounded by experienced professionals
- Working environment
- Language skills
**ON THE BRIGHT SIDE**

- Employee rights well established
- Flexible working hours – have a lot of freedom with my schedule
- Supportive regarding the study program
- Helpful in terms of personal development
- Understanding when it comes to using my limited German
- Big community of interns
ON THE OTHER HAND...

- A little surprising for me - Big work load expected from an intern
- Not a very relaxed atmosphere
- Not a very strong team – limited interaction
COMPARISON WITH MY TRAINING PROGRAM IN ROMANIA

Differences

- Doing something meaningful
- Reaction to mistakes
- Increase in responsibility
**TIPS FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO COME TO GERMANY FOR STUDIES/INTERNSHIP**

- Be 100% sure that this is what you want – having a **clear target**

- Before choosing a Study Program – do your **research**

- Apply for scholarships - or alternative **financing options**

- **Plan** everything ahead !!!

- Complete studies in the **minimum amount of time**

- **Experience** in your field in a company – before graduating
APPLYING FOR AN INTERNSHIP

- Start applying very early – 6 months in advance
- Be perseverant – don’t give up!
- Grades are not perfect – don’t worry!
- Be honest (in application, discussions) - show a will to improve
- Try to establish direct contact with companies
VERY IMPORTANT!

Bayern

the region in Germany with the most Holidays
BEST PIECE OF ADVICE...
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Learn German beforehand!

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DUAL WORK & STUDY PROGRAM

Win-win situation

Student  Company  University

- For Engineering – very useful – just theory is not enough
- Also in other fields like marketing, management etc.
- Theoretical knowledge => putting it into practice – No Delay
COULD THE DUAL STUDY SYSTEM WORK IN ROMANIA?

- The eternal problem for graduates in Romania – lack of job experience

- Developing the concept of Internship (training the student on the job) in Romanian companies

- Students motivated – taking part in interesting, challenging projects

- Financing the studies – a big issue

- Establish a direct connection between future graduates and companies
PROBLEMS WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS CONCEPT IN ROMANIA

- Strong companies – invest in student training

- Concept of training the student on the job (Internship) – not so well established in companies

- Good connection between university and local companies

- Universities – trends on job market
THANK YOU!

Questions? Complaints?