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I have attended the 3rd edition of the International Master in European Project Planning and Management at Pixel in 2014-2015 and it was a really good and useful experience.

The programme of the Master was well-balanced between the practical and theoretical skills offered. The **course provided a full overview of all funding opportunities** of the European Commission, together with the practical ability of structuring a cohesive and efficient activities' networking. The second half of the Master programme was primarily devoted to Project Management, and I **have highly appreciated the practical approach** of the course, oriented to provide students with the right management skills to run a project, ranging from budgeting to auditing and other financial aspects.

After the class-period, thanks to the network of PIXEL, I had the opportunity to carry out an internship in Liège (Belgium) at INFOREF, INitiative pour une FORMation EFFicace, an association that promotes

the use of ICTs (information and communication technologies) among schools and other institutions. There, I **was able to put into practice some of the skills learned during the master** and I had the chance to **attend a project meeting** in Sicily dealing with migrants and networking with many associations engaged in the field.

Thanks to the job experience at INFOREF, I have improved my languages skills (both in French and in English), which at its turn allowed me to enter finally to the job market.

Indeed, **right after this internship, I started working as international project officer at UNIMED**, the Mediterranean Universities Union, a network of almost 100 Universities from 24 Mediterranean countries based in Rome. I am currently employed there as European and International Project Officer, primarily focusing on Education and Mobility areas, but not only.

To conclude, attending the master at Pixel was one of the best long-term investments, not only for professional reasons but also for personal ones. Indeed, some of the classmates I met at PIXEL are now among my best friends. The class was really international and stimulating and I am really happy and sometimes a little bit nostalgic of that period. This, according to me, is the added value of the Master at PIXEL: the effective combination of study, employment and friendship opportunities. This master merges all of that and it improves your present while preparing you for a better future.

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