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About Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students office is responsible for the planning, support, advocacy and coordination of various educational programs and resources for students. The office aims at ensuring that the welfare of the students is catered for physically, academically, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. All the activities and programs of the office of the Dean of Students are aimed at this wholesome development.

Goals and Objectives:

- To provide a confidential, safe, respectful and welcoming space where our students can openly and honestly voice their concerns
- To act as a supportive liaison between our students, faculty and staff
- To advocate on behalf of fairness, justice, open communication and expeditious resolution.
- To empower our students that they can be successful in meeting their intellectual, interpersonal and developmental goals.
- Organizes, coordinates, expands and manages relationships between students of Epoka University within and outside the Epoka University to third or similar counterparts, for connecting and strengthening bilateral and multilateral
- Guarantees students' life in Epoka University, the implementation of agreements with third parties focused on students
- Promote a healthy, safe campus community

1. Student Clubs and Activities Office

EPOKA University develops all the skills you need for the future. Student's clubs are established on academic bases and make possible and develop interpersonal relationships between students and also build leadership skills.

The social and cultural activities give students a better understanding of life and bring about cultural exchange between students from different parts of Albania, the Balkans and the beyond.

For these reason, a variety of social and cultural activities are available to the students of Epoka University. The programs are organized by Students Clubs & Activities Office, part of the Dean of Students Office.

1.1 Welcome Ceremony



EPOKA University organized at 14th of October, 2019 an official Welcome Ceremony for all freshman students at the beginning of 2019-2020 Academic Year. During the Welcoming Ceremony all students were welcomed by distinguished speakers from the university students and Alumni . Students were part of this ceremony to celebrate the start of their studies at EPOKA University with traditional music dancers and many Albanian singers like: Selma Bekteshi, AroildaIbrahimi and MishelaRapo.

Welcome Ceremony is the perfect opportunity to meet other students and staff of the university and its faculties!

1.2 Clubs Fest 6



On 14th of January, Epoka University organized the Clubs Fest 5. In this very important event for students, participated many clubs with years of experience and clubs that opened this year. Today, many of students engaged in the organization of this event, in which many students participated for the first time. Mentioned clubs, advisors and presidents are :

- 1.Young Economists Network Club (Mr Erjon Gjoci)
- 2.Multimedia Club (Mr Oltjon Rukaj & Mr Tinodendaishe Makiriyado)
3. Innovators Club (Dr Alba Kruja & Ms Edra Sota)
4. Human Rights Defenders Club (Ms Amelia Bullari)
5. Women's Leadership Club (Dr Chrysanthi Balomenou & Ms Sindi Kalo)
- 6.Sensitive Society Club (Ms Emanuela Senja & Ms Amela Rahimi)

- 7.Sports Club (Mr Ardi Shahu & Mr Andi Cuku)
8. Art and Culture Club (Ms Nerilda Hamza)
9. Academics Club (Ms Fatbardha Morina & Ms Perla Muja)
10. Future Engineers Club (Mr Marsed Leti, Ms. Klara Ferhati)
11. Robotics Club (Mr Enea Mancellari & Mr Albert Kopaci)
- 12.Programming Club (Mr Enea Mancellari & Mr Mr Nikolin Majmari)
13. Outdoors Club (Mr Altin Bora & Ms Sonja Robo)
14. Marketing Zone Club (Mr Besjon Zenelaj)
15. "N' Cep" Club(Common Escape Place Club) (Dr Fabio Naselli and Ms Eva Jazaj)
16. Cookie & Rookie Club (Ms Eva Jazaj)
- 17.Electronics Club (Dr Maaruf Ali & Mr Ardi Shahu)
- 18.Developers Student Club (Mr Enea Mancellari & Ms Anila Hoxha)
19. International Relations Club (Assoc.Prof Dr David Felsen & Dr Alba Gerdec)
20. Back to the Futures Club (Ms Semra Bilgic Yerlikaya & Ms Astela Veis)
21. First Aid Club (Dr Maaruf Ali & Mr Ardi Shahu)
22. IEEE Student Branch Club (Dr Maaruf Ali & Mr Ardi Shahu)

1.3 eFest



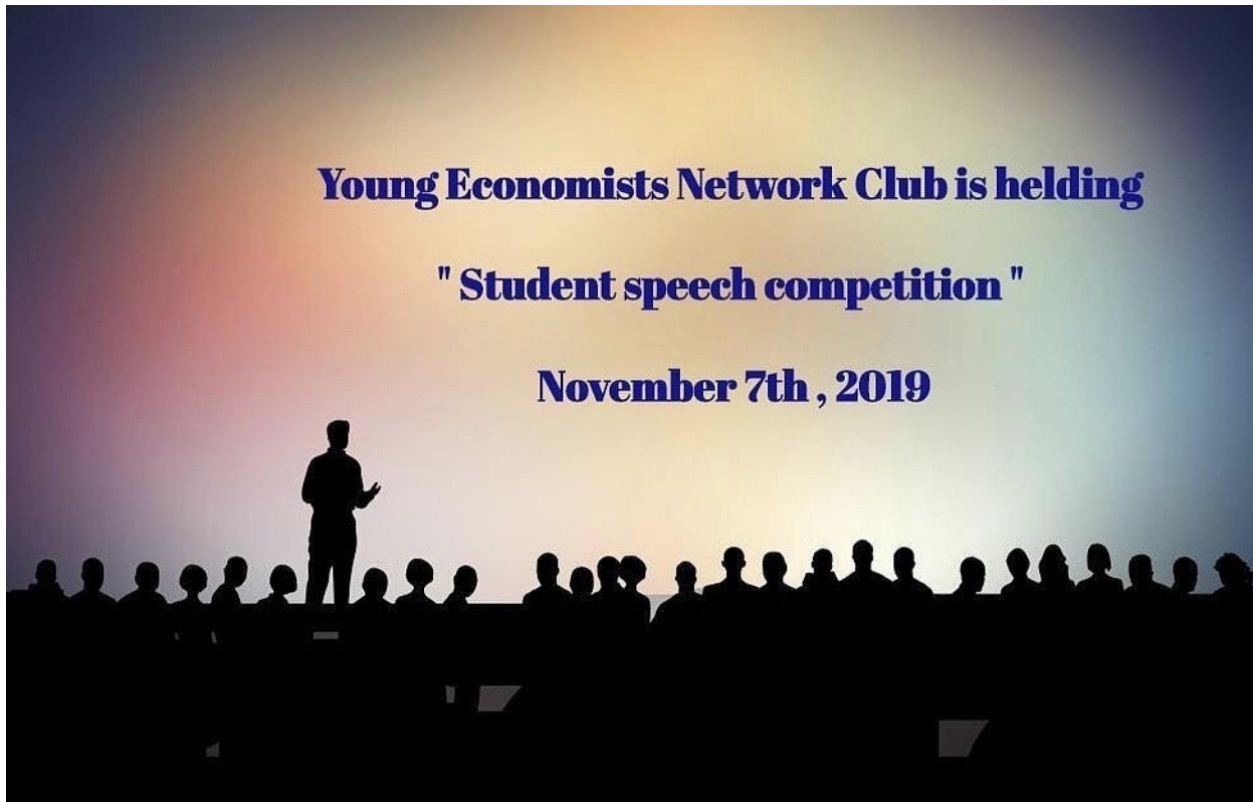
On June 25, 2020, Dean of Students organized eFest Online Edition. This activity was not only followed by Epoka student's but also had an international impact. Ian Fowell, a British journalist wrote an article about this activity. This year's edition was quite special, because it was a full online show, with lots of entertainment. Artists, young talents, interactive shows and other surprises was part of this event.

The Fest started with the opening speech by Our students Amela Rahimi and Sildi Mustafa, Mishela Rapo's performance and Aroilda's song. After that a general knowledge quiz was held. A group of students performed a song on different spots of the campus. Our student, Sildi Mustafa created a beautiful atmosphere with mashup of songs.

One of our special guests was Klinti Çollaku. He performed one song and gave a short interview to our students. Also Visjan Ukcenaj was the other special guest who gave us a very special interview.

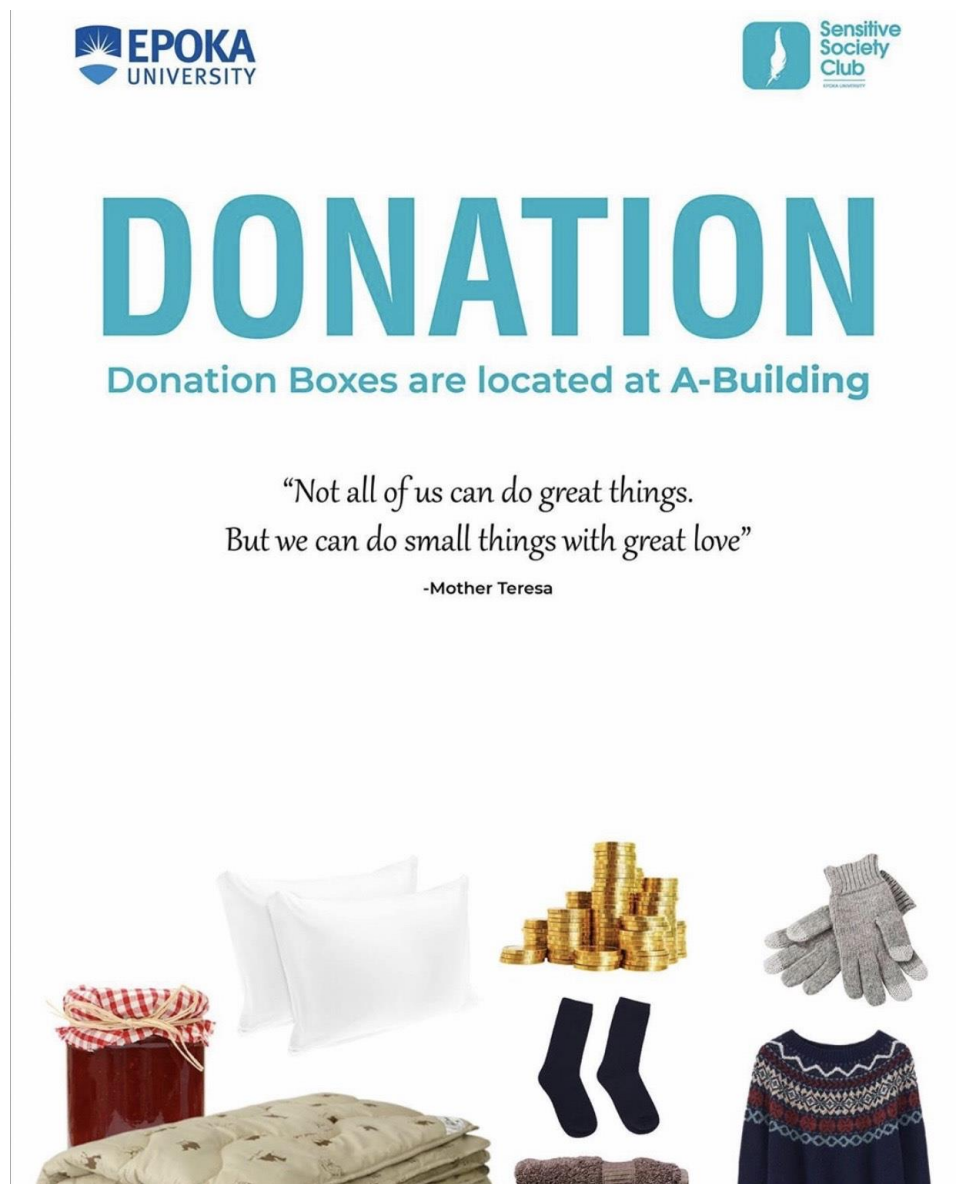
The students participated in the eFest by joining the livestream on the Epoka Official Youtube Channel

1.4 Student Speech Competition - Young Economist Club



The Yen Students Club of Epoka University has welcomed all students to a new academic year. The "Student Speech Competition" was the first event that was held on Thursday, 7th November, 2019.

1.5 Food and Clothes Donation on behalf of earthquake – Sensitive Society Club



On behalf of the Sensitive Society Club, students invited everyone to be part of the contributions campaign to help the affected people and families that were touched by the earthquake of November 26, 2019.

The contribute and donation was made in the below mentioned articles:

- Monetary amounts_small boxes will be located at each building;
- Clothes (especially jackets, sweatshirts, boots or shoes);
- Blankets;
- Food (pre-cooked food and snacks);

- Hygienic products;
- Toys for children or everything that makes them happy.

The first donation stage was until Wednesday, 13:00 hours, at the premises of the A- Building, Epoka University.

1.6 Rugova Trip – Outdoors Club



EPOKA Outdoors club on December 7-8, visited the Valley of Rugova. On the first day, we started our journey with the excitement of a new adventure in the middle of snow and trees and while hiking to the Lake of Kuqishta (Liqenat) at the altitude of 1859 m, the view kept getting better and the silence surrounding us was a weird melody which we were not used to. The journey down the valley was more fun, slipping like kids, having fun and even losing the path. The second day, we visited the waterfall of the river Drini i Bardhë and the city of Prizren. This was our trip to Rugova, a trip to be remembered.



1.7 "One day fun" Orphanage of Kurbin - Sensitive Society Club



On Saturday, January 18, 2020, the Sensitive Society Club organized its next activity named "One Day Fun" with the children of orphanage house of Kurbin.

The club members planned to have a one day fun with the children of orphanage by preparing a mini-program at the Kids zone in QTU center and after that having lunch at the premises of Epoka campus.

Childrens had the chance to enjoy the day and play different games with each other and with the club members as well, and all of us tried to pass a day ddiferent of our routine. We are very satisfied that childrens enjoyed those moments and went happily back.

1.8 Introducing Fintech to Albania – Innovators Club



Our guest Mr. Altin Kadareja, CEO of Cardo company. Over 9 years of experience in extensive banking and investments in different roles at BlackRock, Prometeia, and Intesa Sanpaolo Mr.Altin has a deep knowledge on technology transformation. Also he was part of an Executive education program in Risk Management at Imperial College Business School in London and he holds a Master's degree in Economics from Bocconi University in Milan.

1.9 First Aid Training – First Aid Club



On 29th of January First Aid Club organized the first training with the members of Red Cross Albania.

Mr. Edlir and his team showed to the students some of the ways of giving first aid during different injuries. They shared with all of us some of the stories that have happened through their lifetime of giving first aid. Members also participated and tried by themselves how to give the first aid.

1.10 Albanian Values – BackToTheFuture Club



On 29th January BackToTheFuture club organized its first activity here at Epoka. One of the best activities with a lot of audience and with a very attractive topic; Albanian Values. There were students from all the departments. Special guest was Mr. Blendi Fevziu who emphasized that "Our own will make the fate, and this makes us go forward". Prof. Lisen Bashkurti was part of this activity as well with the opening speech. A lot of questions from our students and a very nice discussion was formed.

1.11 Film Marathon – N’Cep Club



“As the finals are just around the corner, some might feel calm and ready, most might be stressed out, with submissions 'suddenly' lining up”. So N’Cep Club decided to organize an activity to cheer up the students. They chose a film to be watched at conference hall. In this activity participated students from different departments.

1.12 A new start to Electronics – Electronics Club



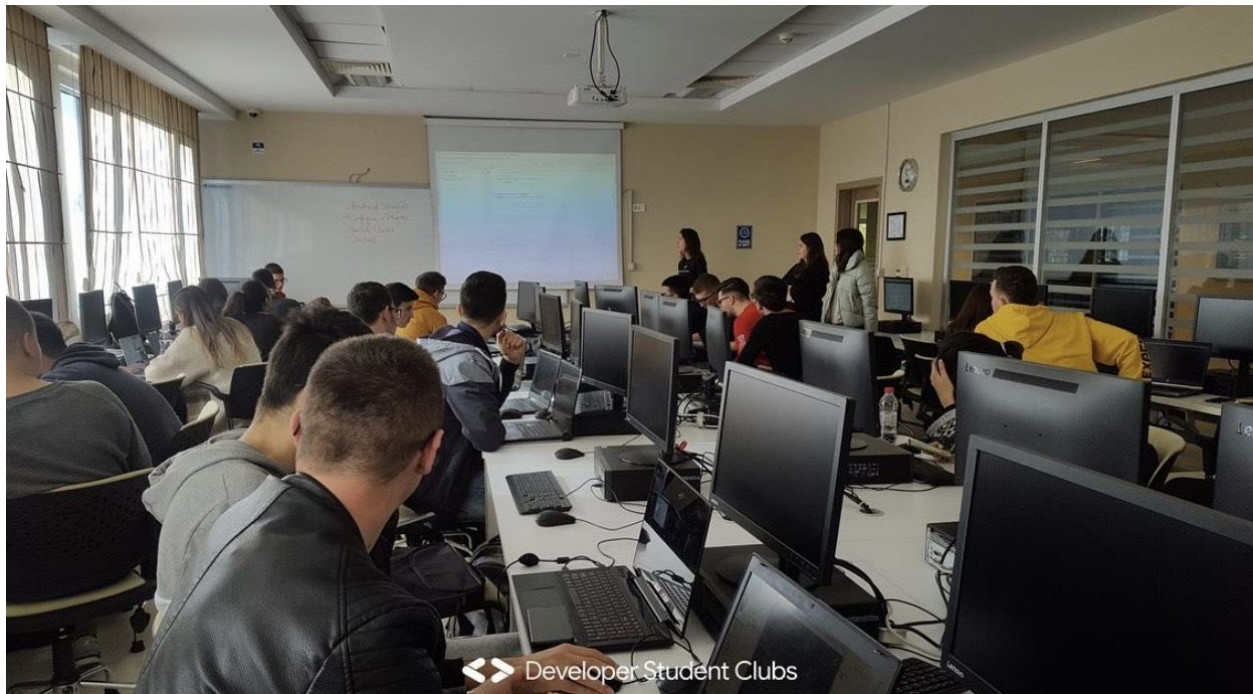
On January 30th ,the Electronics club organized a laboratory session event called “A New Start to Electronics”. The main purpose of this event was making all participants become familiar with Electronic terminology by showing them all equipments and elements in the lab. Since it was an introduction event ,we have mostly discussed about basic things ,but really important ones so everyone could understand and feel ready to go on further with the group, aiming in greater things! Now that the door is opened, amazing things are waiting us.

1.13 Let's cook together – Cookie Rookie Club



On January 28 Cookie&Rookie club together with the chef tried to cook a different kind of tiramisu at the kitchen of our university. Students really enjoyed cooking it and had a great time. It was very fun.

1.14 Application Development using Google technologies – Developer Student Club



On the 23rd of November, DSC Core Team held their first workshop on Flutter Framework. Flutter is an open-source UI SDK created by Google, used to develop applications for Android and iOS from a single codebase. After a brief introduction to Flutter, students learned how to set up the Flutter environment, and then built their very first application by following two Google Codelabs. The instructors of this event were Anila Hoxha (DSC Lead, 2nd year CEN student), and Rinald Shabani (DSC Co-Lead, 2nd year ECE student), who carefully explained all the steps to help students successfully finalize the given task.

The second workshop was about Firebase, held on the 18th of January, with 34 students attending the session. Firebase is a mobile and web application platform for back-end development, used hand-in-hand with Flutter. In three intensive hours, students were taught how to set up Firebase in an Android application, and then they built a Friendly Chat application by following one Google Codelab. They learned how to allow users to sign in, how to sync data using the Firebase Realtime Database, and how to store binary files in Firebase. This session was held by the Core Team members: Enxhi Duka (2nd year CEN student), Lisbora Likaj (3rd year BINF student), and Rinald Shabani (2nd year ECE student).

1.15 Community Speedrun Challenge - Developer Student Club



Developer Student Club hosted the Community Speedrun Challenge, in collaboration with Google Developers Group Tirana. This week's speedrun is Classifying Images of Clouds in the Cloud with AutoML Vision. Erigers Mamoci (GDG Organizer) and Nerenxa Deda (GDG Member) held the session, explaining important steps about working on the speedrun. We thank them for the event and everyone who was present in the session!

1.16 Një takim me Fatmën – Women's Leadership Club



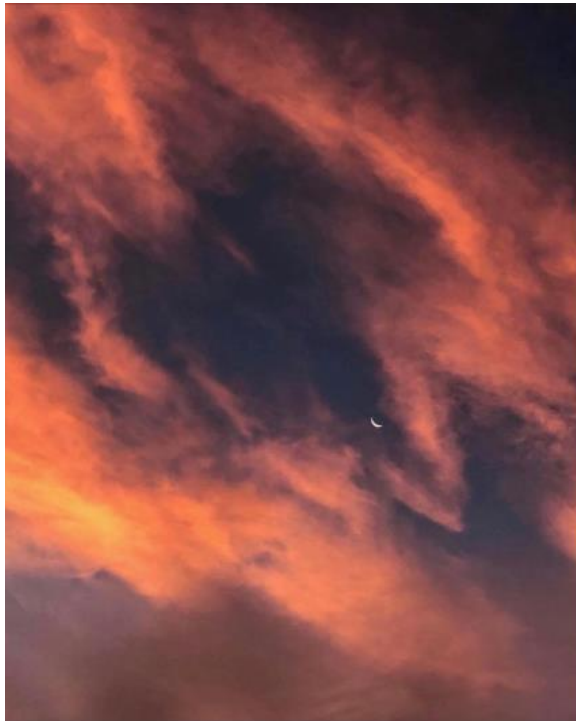
On March 4th, Women's Leadership Club organized its first activity for this year. An interactive forum where we spoke about the influence of our society towards the road to success for women in Albania. Our special guest was the well known journalist , influencer, tv show author and host and recently a business woman , Mrs Fatma Haxhiali. Fatma shared with the audience her personal experience , how she herself managed to be so excellent in her profession. She shared useful tips that have helped her and things are useful for all of us. During the discussion a lot of laughs were shared too. Students at the end made her questions and the forum was a successful event.

1.17 StrongerWithU – Sensitive Society Club



On 6th March 2020 , Sensitive Society Club in collaboration with Women's Leadership Club organized a special event regarding the International Women's Day. The activity was held at the university cafeteria area where boys and girls , students who are part of the clubs, gifted flowers to the girls around the campus including here even the staff. The event started at 11:30 where a table full of tulips centered at the stairs was the main place of the organization while music was playing out loudly. A lot of tulips where gifted around the school and most of the girls who were present at school got one. The tulips where accompanied with a piece of paper where the slogan of the event and the hash tag were written. The slogan was "I am a woman , this is my superpower" and the hash tag #strongerwithu. This event's aim was to make girls around the campus to feel special on their day and to show that our students no matter the gender can make beautiful things while working together. Students who participated wore white t-shirts to match and the tulips color was white too. The event ended when all the flowers were shared.

1.18 "New Hopes" Photography Competition – Art and Culture Club





Art and Culture Club organized a Photography Competition called New Hopes. They invited everyone to display all kinds of NEW HOPES after the earthquake disaster and on behalf of the spring. The deadline to send the picture were March 13, 2020. The first three winners took prizes as below

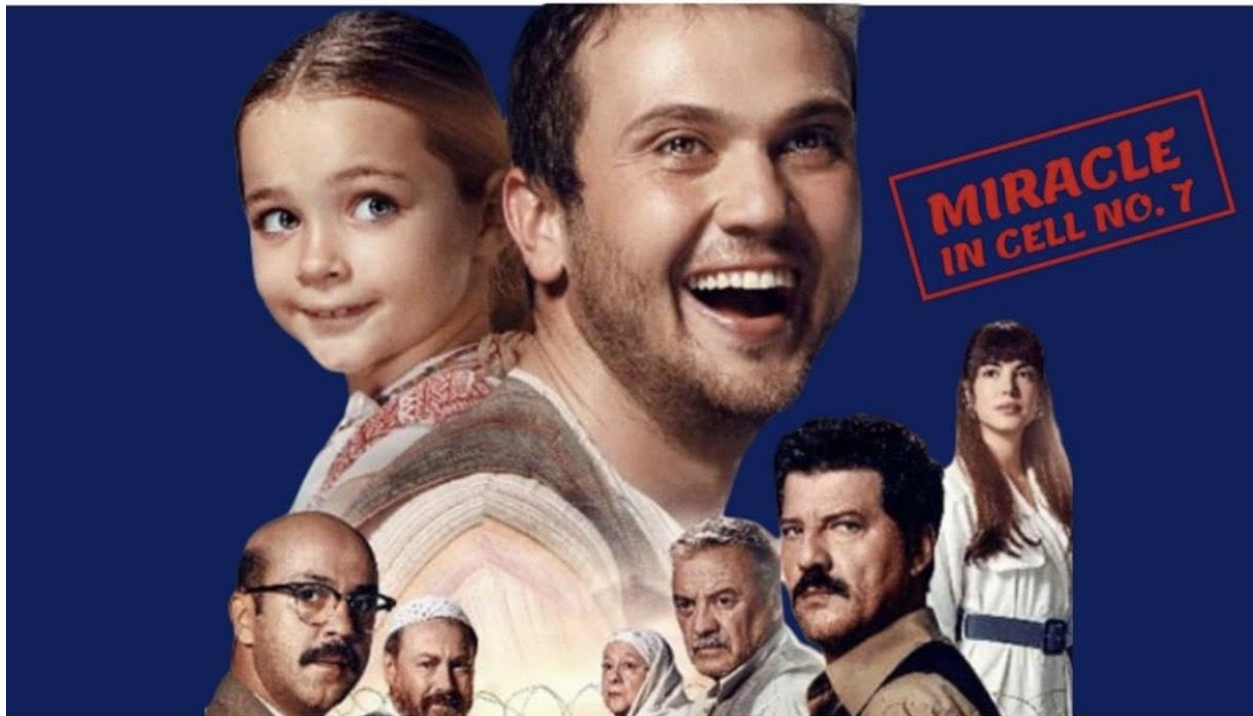
Prizes :

1st place :5000 lek Bereqet Catering Coupon+Certification

2nd place :3000 lek Bereqet Catering Coupon+Certification

3rd place :2000 lek Bereqet Catering Coupon+Certification

1.19 Watch a movie – Women’s Leadership Club



WATCH A MOVIE

Date:
12.04.2020

Women
Leadership Club

Time:
19:00

On April 12 Women’s Leadership Club in collaboration with students of Development and Growth subject, invited all the students to watch a movie together while social distancing. The movie was “Miracle in cell no.7”. This activity was organized online due to pandemic on the Skype.

1.20 What's For dinner? – Sensitive Society Club & Cookie Rookie Club



On 20 April the Sensitive Society Club organized "What's for Dinner?!" competition. This competition was held on Google Meet at 19:00 promised quizzes, music and entertainment. The aim of this contest was to encourage Epoka students, staff and alumni to cook their favorite plates. There were 54 participants who sent in a total of 123 photos and videos on Epoka clubs and Sensitive Society club instagram accounts. From those 54 participants only 15 were chosen to be part of the final of 20-th April. The special guest Mr. Altin Prenga owner of one of the most popular restaurants in Albania "Mrizi I Zanave" selected the top 5 best places.

Thus, the 1st place was won by Viola Xhafa @mamma_mia_diet

2nd place: Sonja Robo

3rd place: Ilma Gercani

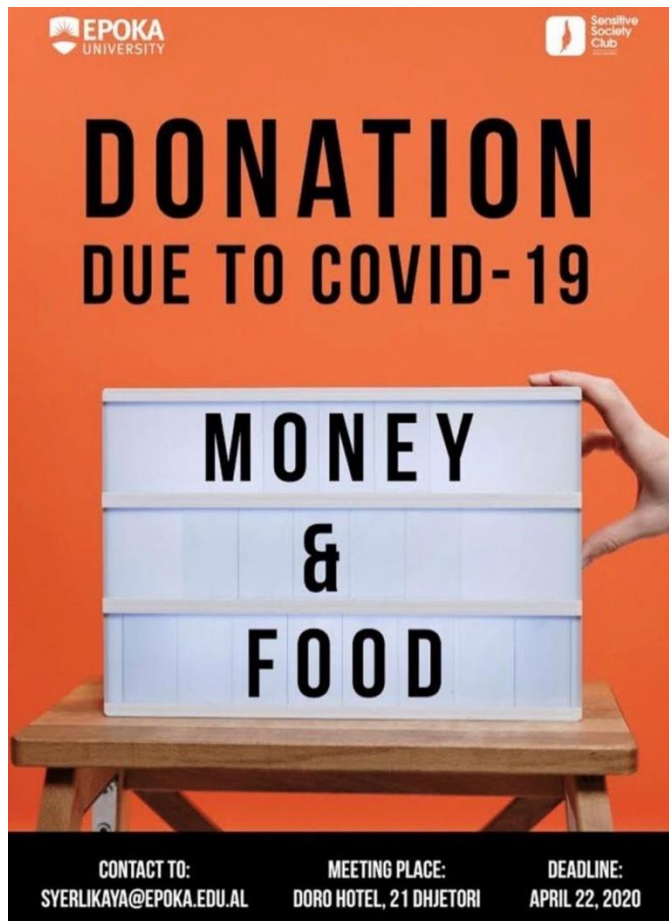
4th place: Kleila Lako

5th place: Klea Xhetani

Another thing to highlight is the great interactivity that was created between the students and Mr. Altin who gave very professional advices. It was a big honor and satisfaction to have him in the jury.



1.21 Donation During Covid-19 - Sensitive Society Club



Sensitive Society Club in collaboration with municipality of Tirana, administrative unit number 9, organized a call for food and money donation for families whose economic activity it was based daily. Due to the pandemic situation that we are, these families are in very difficult condition. They lack of basic things needed to survive, so all students and staff of our university were invited to contribute on money and food.

1.22 How can we protect ourselves and others from Covid-19 – First Aid Club



First Aid club organized an online meeting with Dr Azem Dushaj ,MD specialized in internal medicine.In order to be more informed and also to vanish the fear we have from this virus COVID-19. He was online with us from NY. Some of the topics which he talked about were : ‘‘What is COVID-19 ,how do we manage it?’’and also ‘‘How can we protect ourselves and others from COVID-19?’’ All the participants took certificates for this activity.

1.23 Chess Championship – Sports Club



On Monday, 27th of April was played final match of Chess Championship organized by Sports Club. We would like to thank all participants in this event for their time.

Below you can find winners of this tournament:

Alket Çausi 1st place:

5.000 Berqet Coupon and a participation certificate.

Besjon Çifliku 2nd place:

3.000 Berqet Coupon and a participation certificate.

Arbër Aga 3rd place:

2.000 Berqet Coupon and a participation certificate.

Muhamed Ymer Chalashkan 4th place who takes 1.000 Berqet Coupon and a participation certificate.

1.24 Epoka Online Mini Concert



On April 25 Dean of Students organized an online mini concert. Two Epoka students Selma Bektashi and Mishela Rapo will sang in the mini concert. This activity was organized online on the google meet platform and the aim was to help students pass some good times in this difficult period.

1.25 Book Night – Art and Culture Club



Art and Culture Club with hopes to make these times easier invited all the students first book meeting. As voted on our instagram page the winner for this session was “I huaji” of Albert Kamy. Those who have read it talked about their impressions and opinions. This meeting was held in Google Meet on 23 of April at time 18:00.



On behalf of Development and Growth subject with Assoc.Prof.Dr.Eglantina Hysa and YEN club, organized an online meeting with M.Sc.Erjon Gjoci, Vincenzo Carbone and Gerion Treska on Thursday at 18:00 hours. They talked about the Socio-Economic impact of COVID-19 and had a very construction discussion with each other and the students. This open forum was very helpful.

1.27 Korrupsioni në objektiv



Epoka University in the framework of European Center in collaboration with the USA embassy in Tirana. This information session encouraged students to participate in the competition: "Korrupsioni në Objektiv" where students sent pictures, photos and designs that personificate or symbolize the corruption. This information session took place on Google Meet at 15:00.

1.28 The effect of Covid-19 over IR when the borders will be opened– BackToTheFuture Club



On May 10, 2020, BackToTheFuture club composed by PIR students organized another activity about 'The effect of COVID -19 over International Relations when the borders will be opened'. A deep analysis separated in economic, social and political issues. And how will this situation effect the world stability and global order.

Because of the extraordinary situation created by the pandemic COVID-19 students did not have the opportunity to organize something live in the Conference Hall, so they formed it as an online meeting.

The introductory speech was made by Ms. Astela Veis the founder and the President of the club and the key note speech by Mr. Aldo Bumçi. A person with a long list of work experiences among the most important in, and for Albania. Such as; Justice Minister, Minister of Sports, Youth and Culture, Minister of Foreign Affairs etc. as well as part-time professor here at Epoka University for the PIR department.

1.29 Movies based on books – Art and Culture Club



On Friday, May 8 at 17:30, Art and Culture Club organized a movie night. Movie was based on a book so you might feel as you have read it.

1.30 How to start your own business as a student & turn the current situation in an opportunity – Innovators Club



Open Forum by Innovators Club in collaboration with EU For Innovation organized an open forum. The Open Forum Theme was: How to start a business as a student? & How to turn the current situation into an opportunity for business? The speakers invited are founders of a start up company whose roots are from a university project. They developed a concept during a semester project to give small, local retailers and companies access to the digital tools of large corporations and online shops, and called it: LOLOCO. The Open Forum took place in Google Meet on Thursday May 14th. Below you may find information about the speakers invited: Malte Hendricks: CEO of LOLOCO-responsible for business development, finance and strategy. Fritz Fried: at LOLOCO he is responsible for product development, AI, design and marketing. Philippe Nguyen Xuan: At LOLOCO- responsible for data analytics, business development and sales.

1.31 Challenges of SME-s during Covid-19 – Young Economist Network Club



On 15th of May an online meeting at 12:00 pm was organized by Young Economists Network in collaboration with the students of development and growth subject. Special guest was P.hd Rezart Prifti, Lecturer at University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy. Main teaching subjects are “Management Foundations” and “Innovation and Commercialization”. Initially has carried out research related to the history of economic crises, then innovation at a firm level and its factors. Trained in Commercial Negotiations and Interpersonal Skills. Actually, has set up an innovative initiative resembling to start up incubators at the Faculty of Economy, trying to seed innovative culture among youth.

1.32 “Shqipëria në 30 vite tranzicion” – BackToTheFuture Club



'BackToTheFuture club' organized another activity this Friday on May, 15 with Mr. Ervin Saliانji and he talked about 'Albania in 30 years of transition'. Mr.Saliانji is an Albanian politician with a lot of experiences. His profile is Law and so he is working as a Lecturer at European Univeristy of Tirana for the same field. Students from different departments participated in the event. Certificated will be distributed to all participants.

1.33 Open Forum: "Potential Psychological Effects of Quarantine and How to Protect Our Mental Health"



"Academics Club" in collaboration with the students of development and growth subject organized an online session with Ms. Denata Toçe, on Tuesday the 19th at 5 pm. The topic was "Potential Psychological Effects of Quarantine and How to Protect Our Mental Health". Ms. Denata Toçe is a psychologist who has participated in many conferences, in which she has given valuable contributions with her advices. Students really benefited from this Open Forum. To all participants will be provided a certificate.

2. CAREER PLANNING AND ALUMNI OFFICE

Mission

Career Planning and Alumni Office were established to orient students' professional education, facilitate students in finding good working fields for them, and to maintain the University's dialogue with the business world. The Centre analyses successful companies in the country determine work-force qualifications demanded and arrange seminars, courses, conferences in order to prepare our students accordingly. The job of Career Planning and Alumni Office also includes carrying out necessary activities to create opportunities for the activation of the potentials of the students, introducing them to the standards and conditions they are likely to face in their quest to find a job, provides them with the necessary information which may help them in their prospective careers, introducing the graduated students to the business world and familiarizing them with the work environment and offering them training opportunities.

Services

CPAO offers students an array of services that can help them to explore and identify their personal traits and interests, learn about career options, acquire practical experiences, and prepare themselves for their next steps after Epoka's life. The Center establishes the interaction between undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, and employers/organizations/institutions to generate opportunities that help students to fulfill their personal and professional objectives.

Aims and objectives:

1. Includes carrying out necessary activities to create opportunities for the activation of the potentials of the students;
2. Introducing them to the standards and conditions they are likely to face in their quest to find a job;
3. Provides students with the necessary information which may help them in their prospective careers;
4. Organizing training, info sessions, visits to different companies;
5. Organizing meetings with graduates;
6. Introducing the graduate students to the labor market and familiarizing them with the work environment and offering them training opportunities

2.1 Open Day with Deloitte

On Wednesday, at 10:00 - 13:00, October 23, 2019, Career Planning and Alumni Office in collaboration with Deloitte organized an Open Day to inform our students of the opportunities Deloitte offers for all the talents and ambitions to join their team.



Figure 1: Open Day

2.2 Open Forum - Internship Programme of the German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans.

On **Wednesday, October 30, 2019**, Career Planning and Alumni Office in collaboration with **Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations (OA)** organized an Open Forum with topic **Internship Programme of the German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans**.

The Internship Programme of German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans offers students and young graduates from **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Croatia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia** the opportunity to gain practical work experience through three to six months internships in leading German companies in Germany.

The interns gain an insight into corporate culture in Germany and are acquainted with modern management and work organization skills.

Following their stay in Germany, the interns return to their respective home country and can contribute the newly acquired knowledge and skills there. The experience and contacts established will strengthen the economic development of their home countries and promote bilateral relations with Germany as well as economic relations within the region.



Figure 2: Internship Programme of the German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans

2.3 Internship at some units at Epoka Campus

This helps them not only in the aspect of working in a group, but by learning more in the way of how some things works closer. Also being a helpful experience in their careers after the end of the University. This year there were about 49 applicants, where only 26 of them were accepted in different offices of university.

4 students will be working in Career Planning and Alumni Office,

1 student in Administrator office, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences,

1 student in IRO (International Relations Office),

7 students in Library,

3 students in Media and public Relation office, and 10 Students in Clubs Office.

Students will have the opportunity to develop themselves in managing time, work, tasks that will be given, accountability and communication in a professional manner. Internship will last until the end of spring semester.

This year, due to the COVID-19 students have continued the online internship.



Figure 3: Internship at some units at Epoka Campus

2.4 Internship during the academic year

No	Name Surname	Program	Kompany
1	Florjana Ademaj	Banking and Finance	Elektro-Servis
2	Entela Myftari	Banking and Finance	Elektro-Servis
3	Xhejdi Coku	Business Informatics	Elektro-Servis
4	Dhimitraq Stambolliu	Business Informatics	Telekom Albania
5	Pamela Miruku	Banking and Finance	Union Bank
6	Klaudio Kaloti	Civil Engineering	Armada shpk
7	Armela Rahimi	Business Informatics	Epoka University
8	Sindi Kalo	Business Informatics	Epoka University
9	Klea Mara	Banking and Finance	Epoka University
10	Hilari Abdiu	Banking and Finance	Epoka University
11	Isara Islami	Business Informatics	Epoka University
12	Mirsa Dani	Internation Marketing	Epoka University
13	Keit Kamberi	Economics	Epoka University
14	Amada Kazaferi	Business Informatics	Epoka University
15	Denis Myrtaj	Business Informatics	Epoka University
16	Stela Damjani	Banking and Finance	Epoka University
17	Edita Ymeraj	Banking and Finance	Epoka University
18	Keisi Bylyku	Banking and Finance	Epoka University
19	Ingrida Tako	Business Informatics	Epoka University
20	Klaudio Kaloti	Civil Engineering	Epoka University
21	Reisa Haveri	Business Informatics	Epoka University
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27	Parid Varoshi	Computer Engineering	Epoka University
28	Lisbora Likaj	Business Informatics	Epoka University
29	Belinda Myteberi	Business Informatics	Epoka University
30	Dear Durra	Business Informatics	Epoka University
31	Fatma Sevde Hocaoglu	Political Science and International Relations	Epoka University
32	Erigen Hoxha	Electronics and Digital Communication Engineering	Union Bank

33	Denis Cërri	Civil Engineering	CO-Beton
34	Bruno Reçka	Civil Engineering	Kontakt
35	Aldo Hasni	Economics	Telekom Albania
36	Debora Abduramanaj	Economics	Intesa Sanpaolo Bank
37	Florjana Ademaj	Banking and Finance	NOA
38	Ylldeze Seferi	Banking and Finance	Këshilli Bashkiak Kukës
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58	Adela Beqja	Economics	Alpha Bank
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60	Skerdi Bime	Banking and Finance	Intesa Sanpaolo Bank

2.5 Info Session -Job opportunities at RASH

On, Thursday, November 14, 2019, Career Planning and Alumni Office in collaboration with the Computer Engineering Department is organizing an Info Session with topic Job opportunities at RASH. (Rrjeti Akademik Shqiptar).

The project "Creating the Inter-University Center of Services and University Telematic Network" aims at improving and strengthening the university system, higher education teaching, university management and promoting scientific research. The Inter-University Center will provide software services for managing academic and administrative processes in public universities and research institutes and will manage the Albanian Academic Network. This service will be offered in consultation with the Italian Consortium "CINECA".

Established for the first time in Albania, RASH will link higher education institutions with research institutes to a university "Backbone" and subsequently with the Pan-European Research and Education Network "GÉANT". Among others, the project will also contribute to the progress of the Bologna Process in Albania through the expertise of Italian colleagues at the University of Bologna. Training will be conducted for the development of Albanian public higher education management capacities/research institutions and will focus on participating in various research programs or projects both at European and international level.

Computer Engineering, Electronics & Digital Communication engineering and Business Informatics (Bachelor & Master) students participated in this Info Session.



Figure 4: Job opportunities at RASH

2.6 Grand Alumni Reunion

On December 22th, Career Planning & Alumni Office organized the “Grand Alumni Reunion” event, which focused on connecting the alumni of the university and sharing good experiences. The venue for this year’s event was at “Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana” where around 400 alumni joined us in this great event. During the event, Dr. Timothy Hagen, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sokol Dervishi shared their experiences from the past and their thoughts for the future.

The representative of CPAO, Mr. Mentor Sinanaj mentioned the importance of this event and the future projects for the Epoka Alumni also. The alumni of previous batches working in different companies along with faculty and management of Epoka University attended the event and shared their experiences with their university fellows. We could not be missed the success stories of our two graduates, Juida Ceka, a former Economics student, and Bjorn Kamberi a former Political Science student.

A speech was given by Lufthansa Industry Solutions which disclosed the company's goals and vacancies that this company has to expand its staff. The short talks were followed by a nice cocktail where all the staff and alumni shared their experiences over the years and saw the opportunity to build bridges of cooperation for the near future, now not as students but as professionals in different fields. Epoka University wishes to them the best of luck with their future career paths!



Figure 5: Photo from activity

2.7 Mentorship Program

In the active life of university dealing with stress and pressure is unavoidable. Some students want to achieve the best in their academic life, except studying they participate in extra-curricular activities like internships conferences or programs, others face difficulties in specific courses and they do not know how to increase their performance.

The most challenging phase for everyone is when midterm and final exams come. In order to prepare our students for a successful career by increasing their performance in academic learning Career and Alumni Office has been organizing Mentorship Program for several years now. This year, due to the COVID-19 mentorship program, it has been made online. The main purpose of this program is to promote individual development through a transfer of skills, to build good relationships among students and to encourage confidence. Mentor on one side is responsible for availability to the extent when mentee has a need which means he should be a “resource” for the mentee by sharing the needed information and knowledge throughout the semester. On the other side stands the mentee whose role is to accomplish goals, ask questions and easily communicate plus to be focused. Fortunately due to the previous successes, participation in mentoring program is rising year by year. Both parties are beneficiary at the end of this experience, mentor is certified for his cherished contribution while mentee get a better grade and less stress.



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Report for the mentorship program

My role in the mentorship program 2019-2020 is a mentor. My mentee is Keisi Kurani.

Due to the situation we have been following the mentorship program online in Google Meets. The classes that Keisi needed more mentorship is 'C++ programming'. During these weeks we have covered different topics as: While and for loops, arrays including one and two dimensionals(matrix).

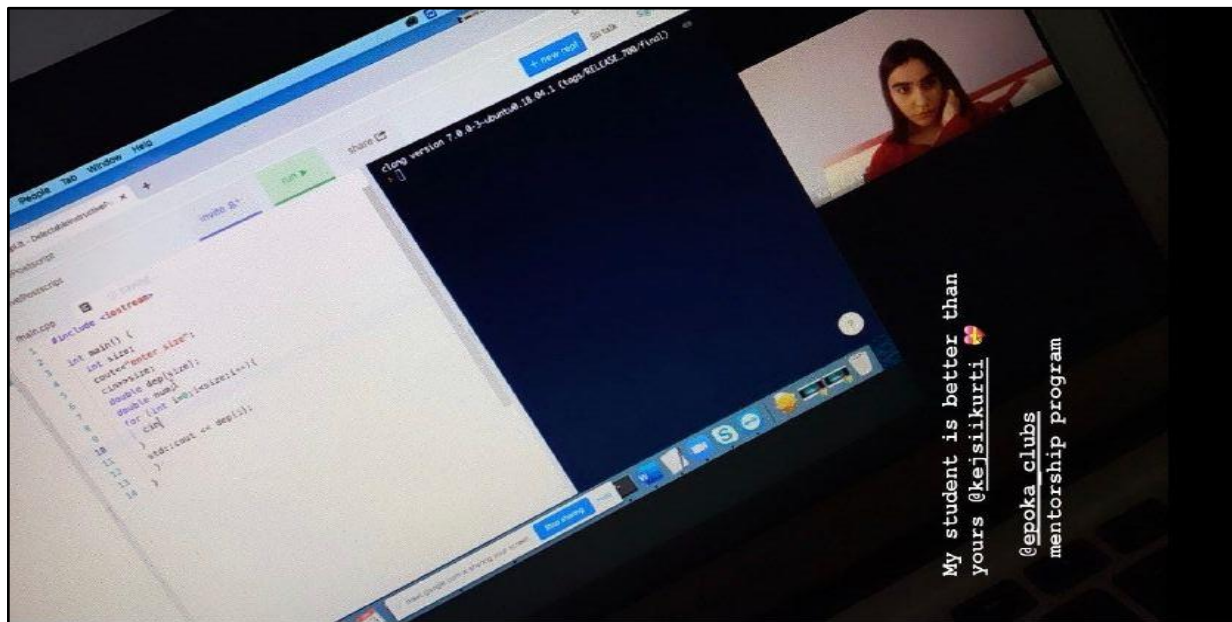


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2.8 Update Alumni Data

Our office gives high priority to our university graduates, because in this dynamic world network it is so important to everyone, and we want to strengthen this network. For a month, the Career Planning and Alumni Office specialist contacted all of our graduates, by phone, mail or social media. After contacting them we have updated all the information that is important to us, and have found 42.9% work in the private sector, 18.9% work in the State Administration, 16.4% pursue a Masters, 1% pursue a Ph.D., 2.3% work in the private sector and at the same time the Master, 0.4% work in the state administration and at the same time the Master, 3.3% is continuing an Internship, 0.6% are Owner, 1.6 Co-founder, 1.8% are looking for a job, 9.7% no data.

This data was created 3 months after the students graduated.

For detailed information, please see the charts below:

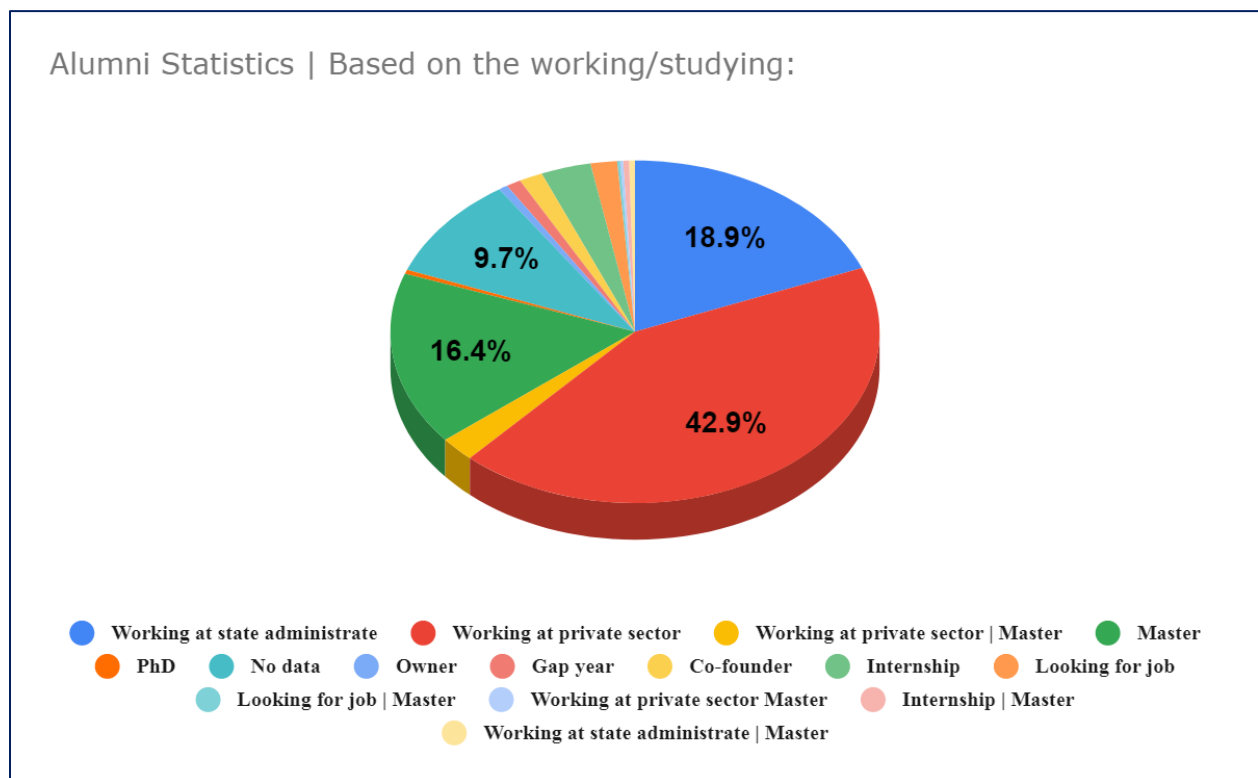


Figure 7: Statistic based on the working and studying

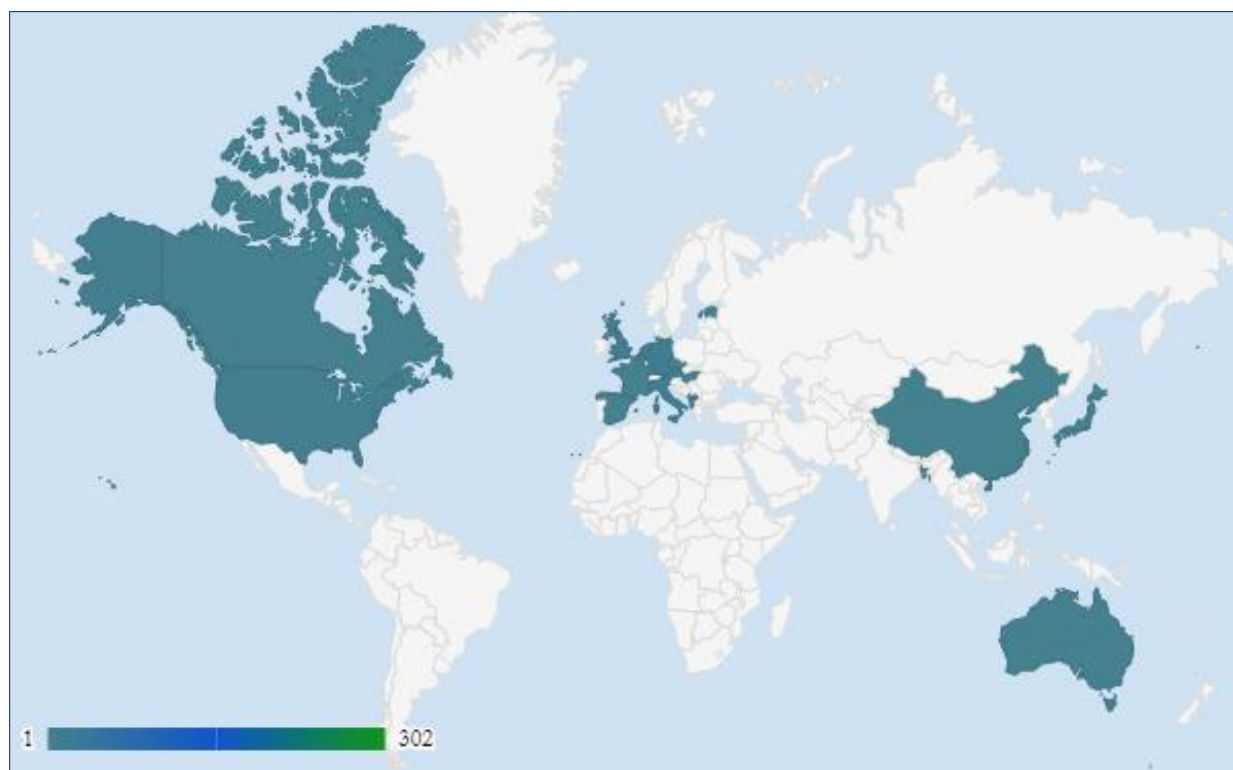


Figure 8: Map of countries that graduates working or studying.

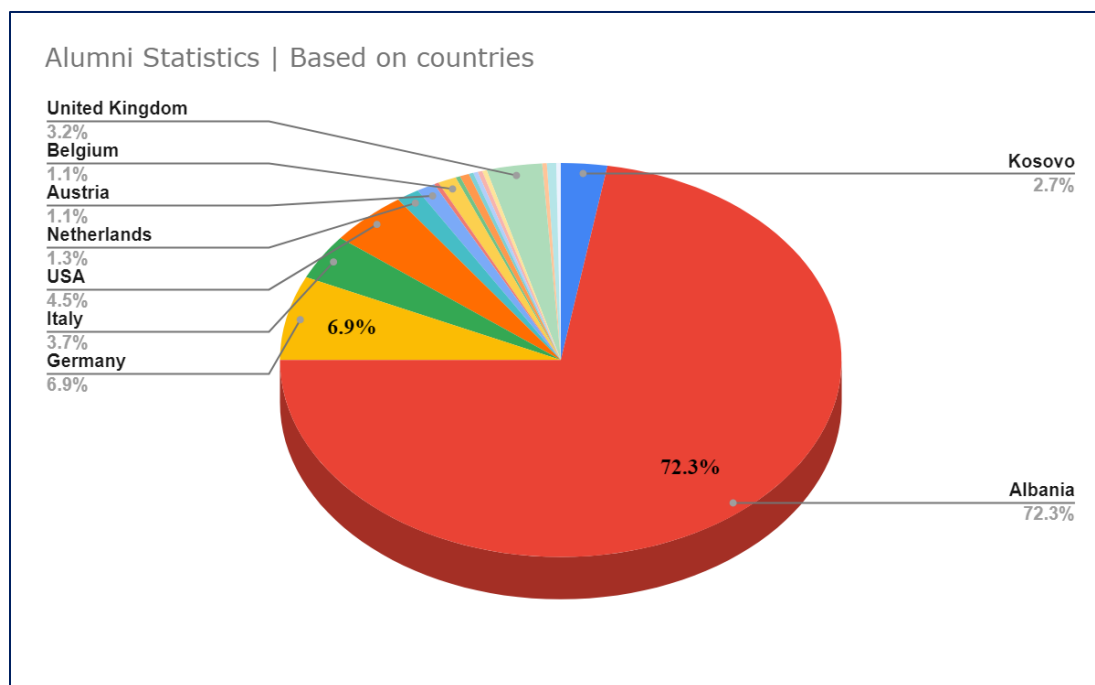


Figure 9: Statistics based on countries that working or studying.

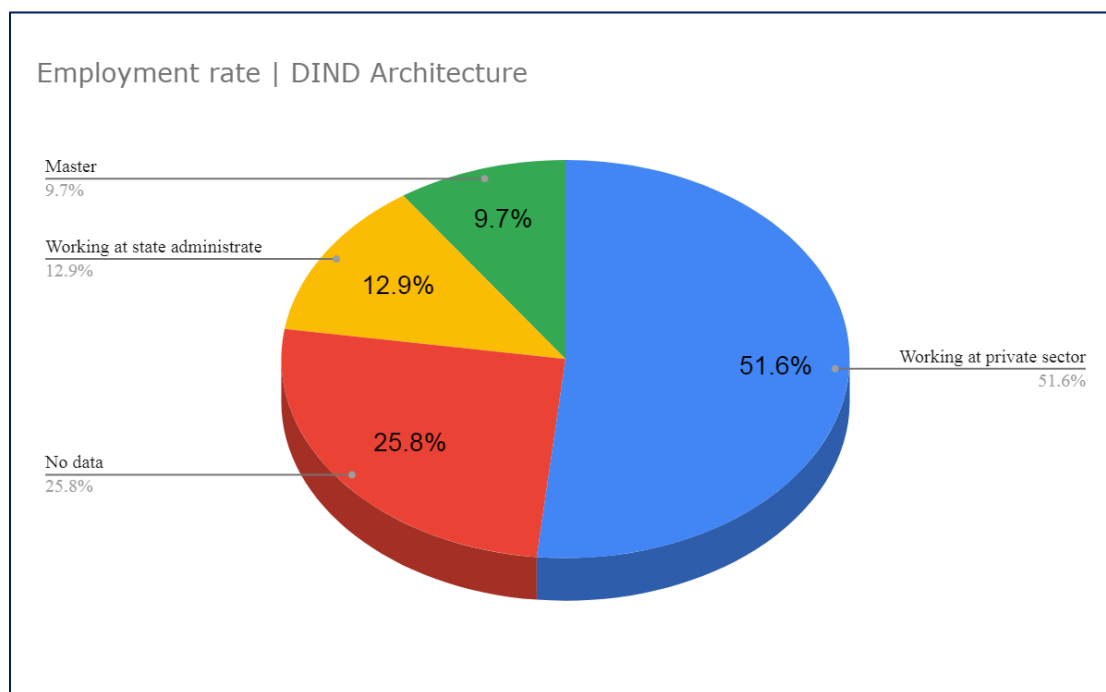


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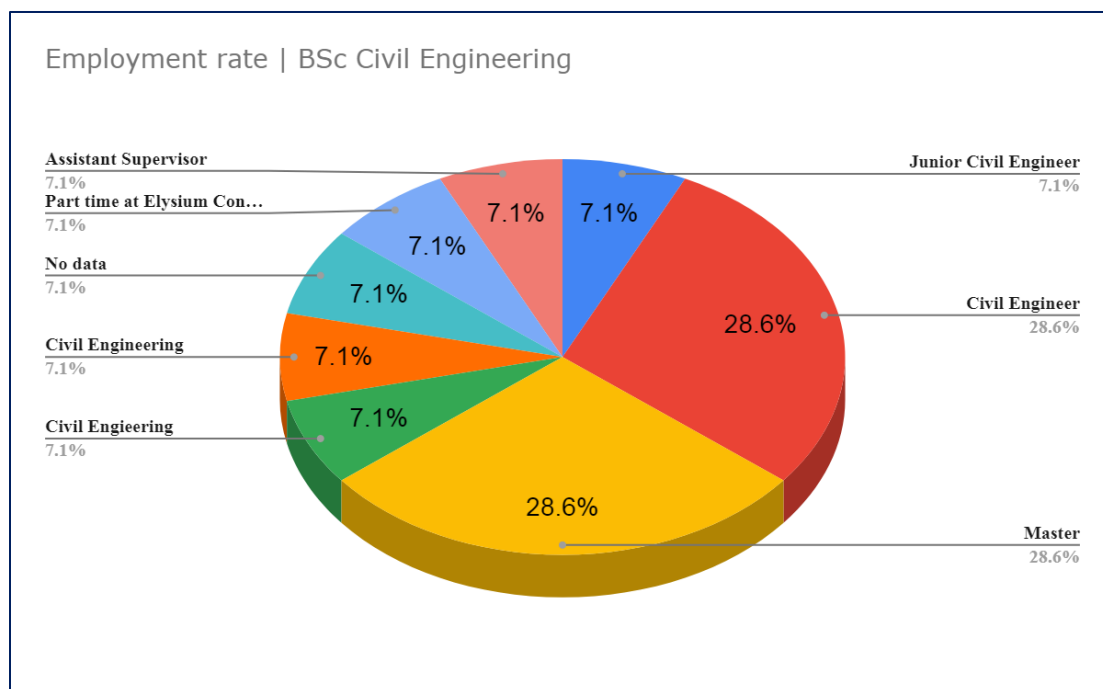


Figure 11: BSc Employment rate statistics of Civil Engineering

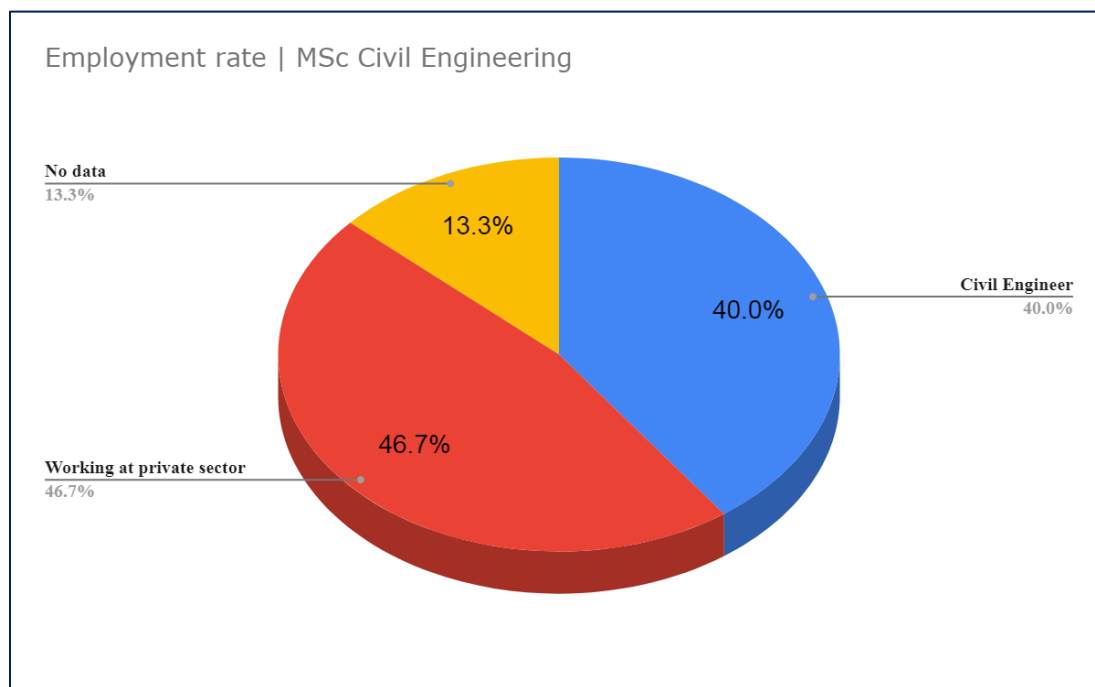


Figure 12: MSc Employment rate statistics of Civil Engineering

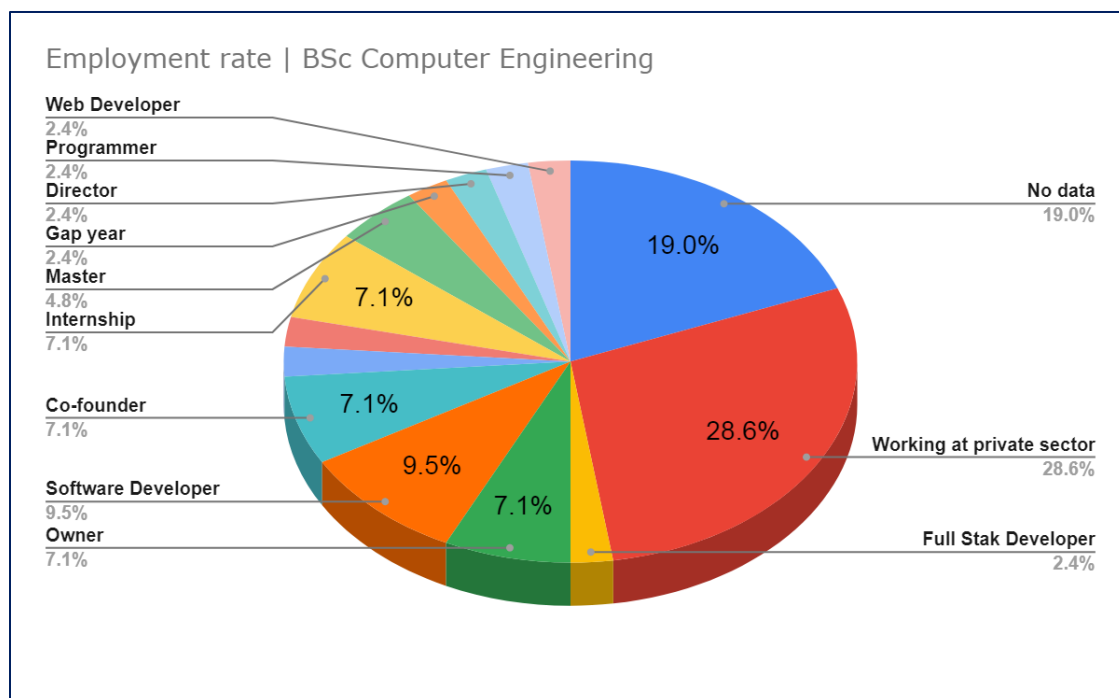


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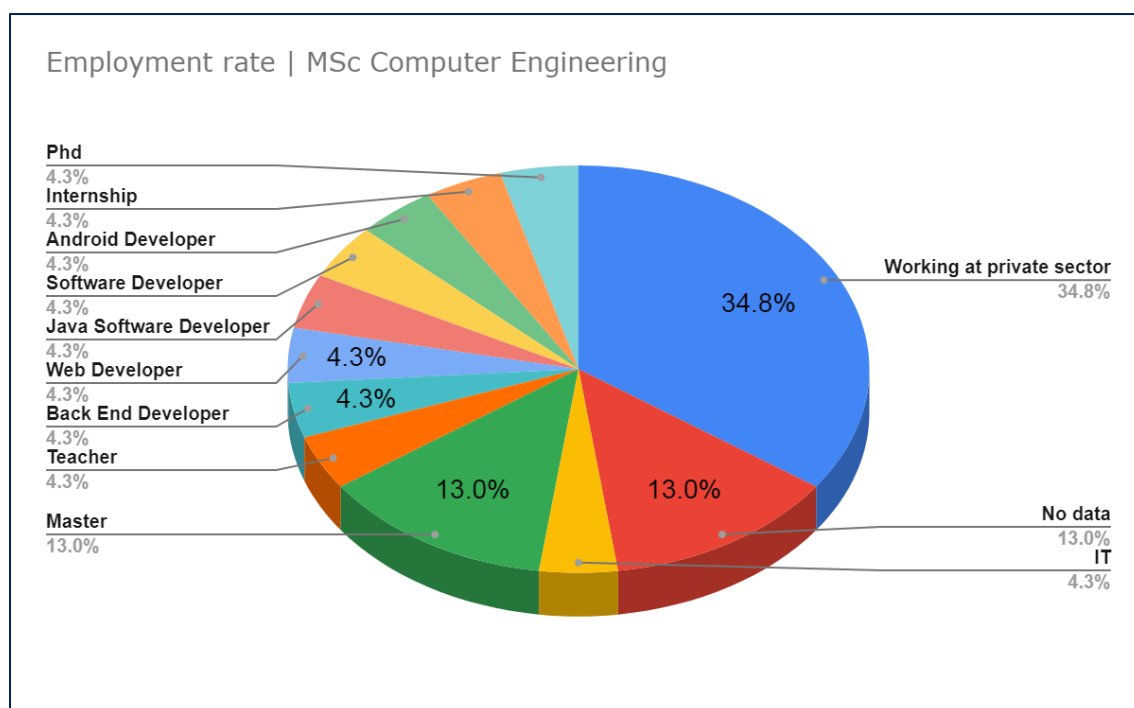


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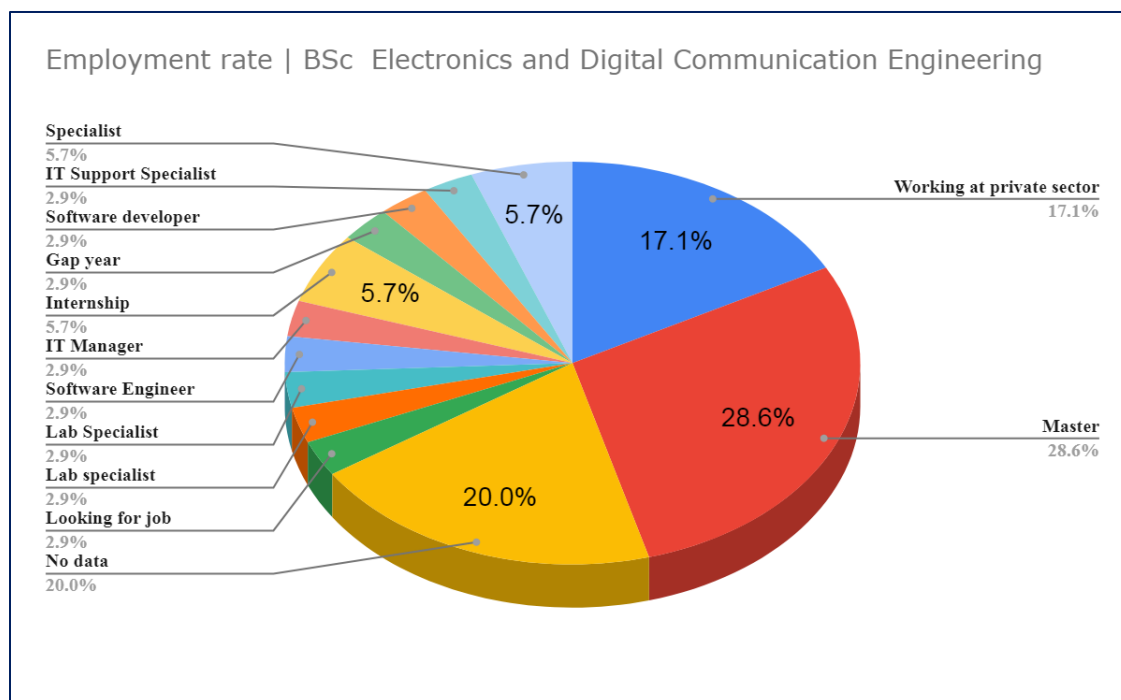


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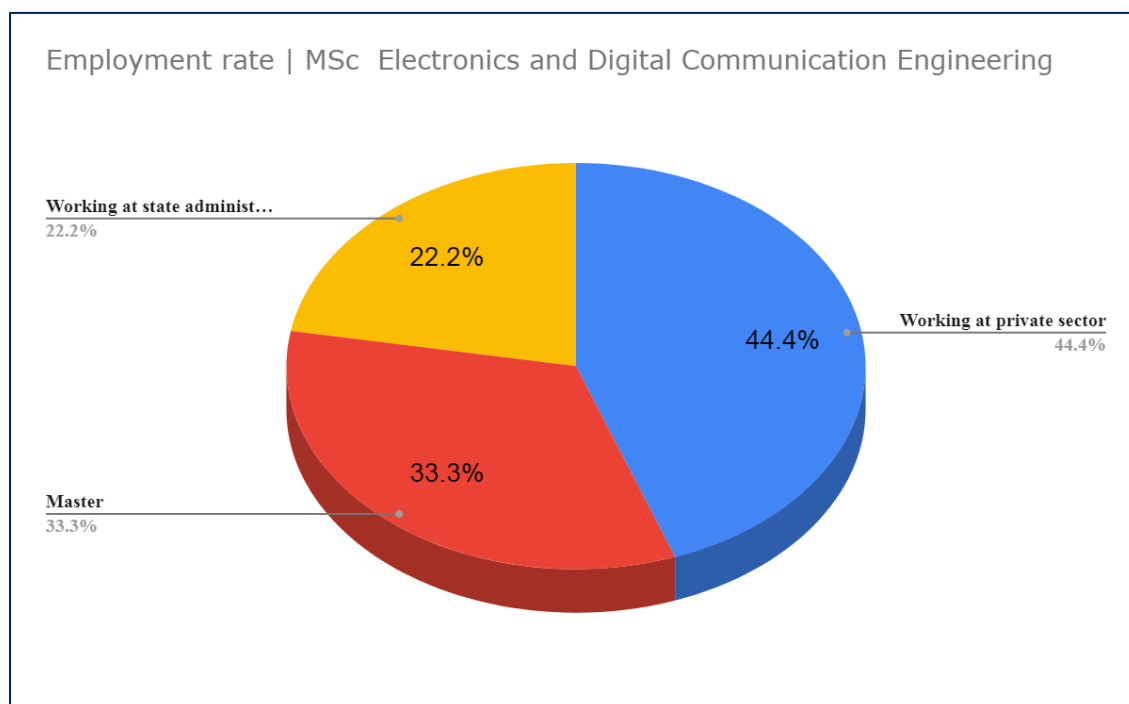


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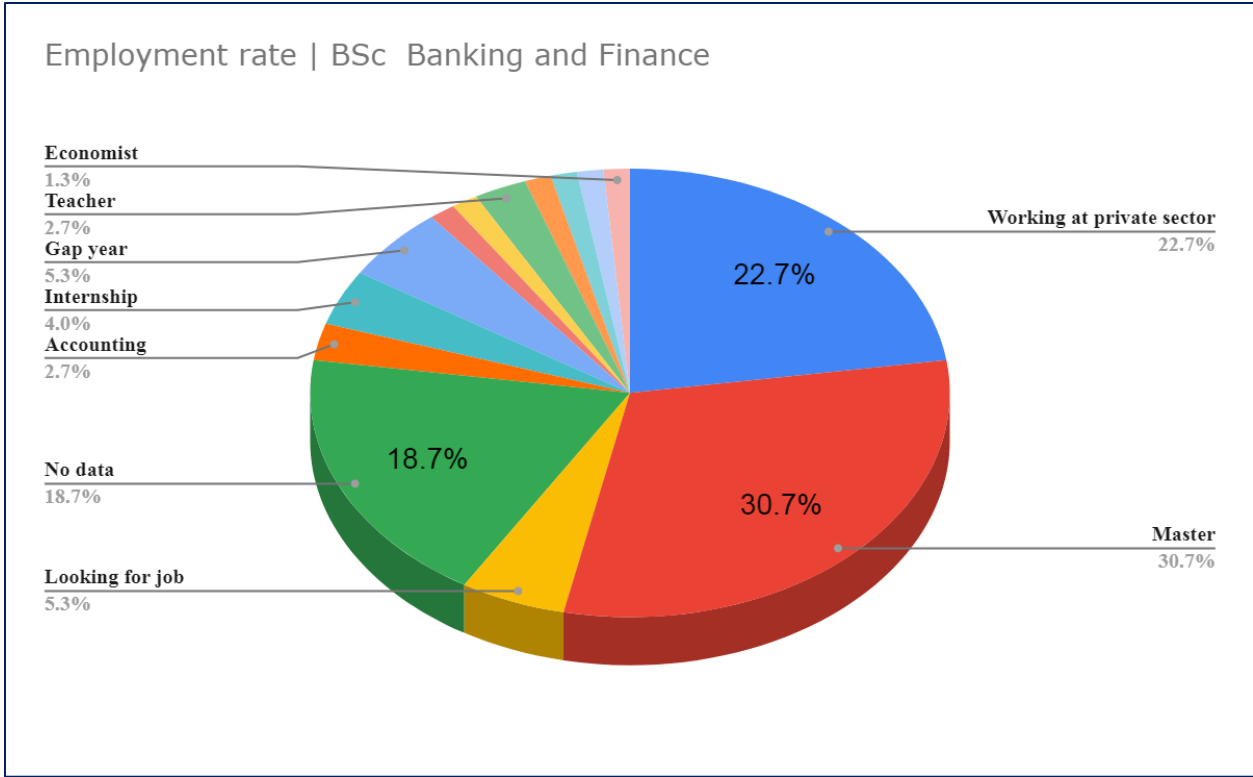


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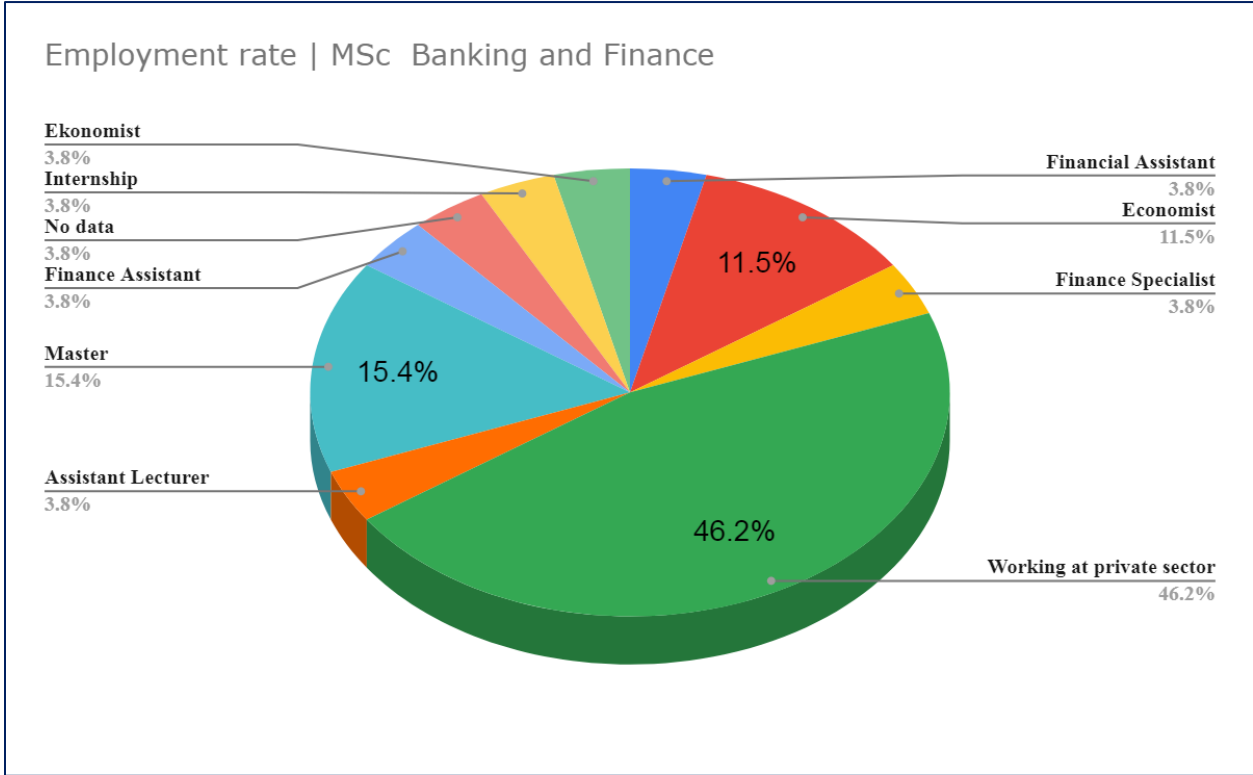


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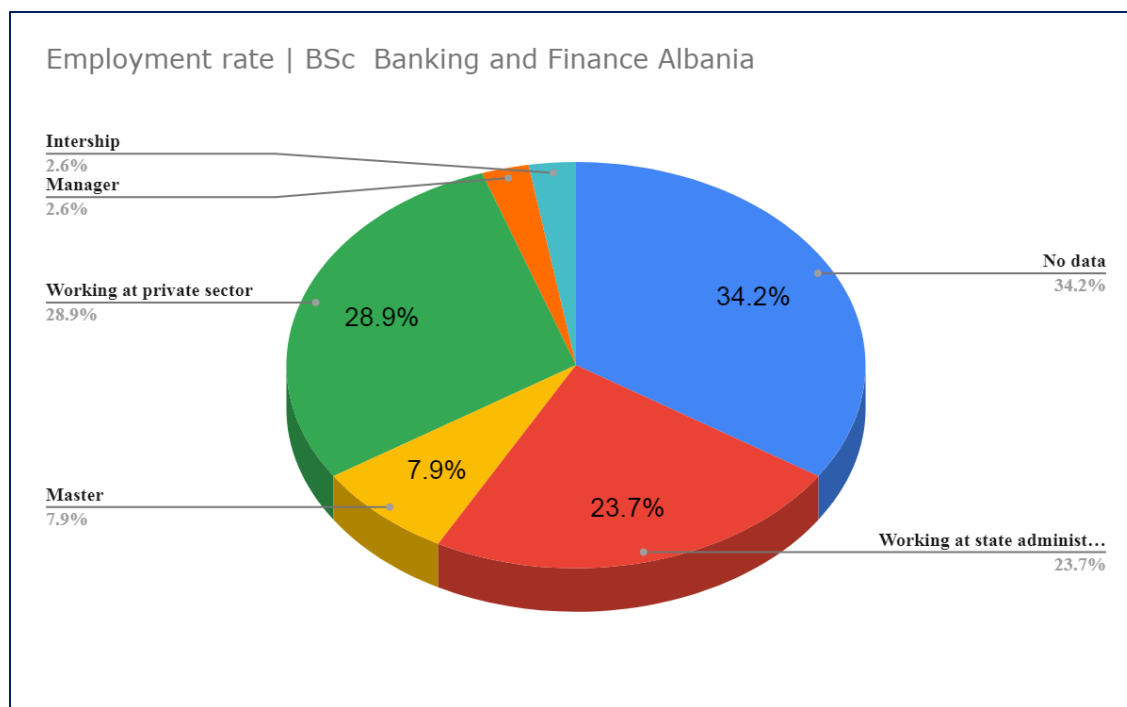


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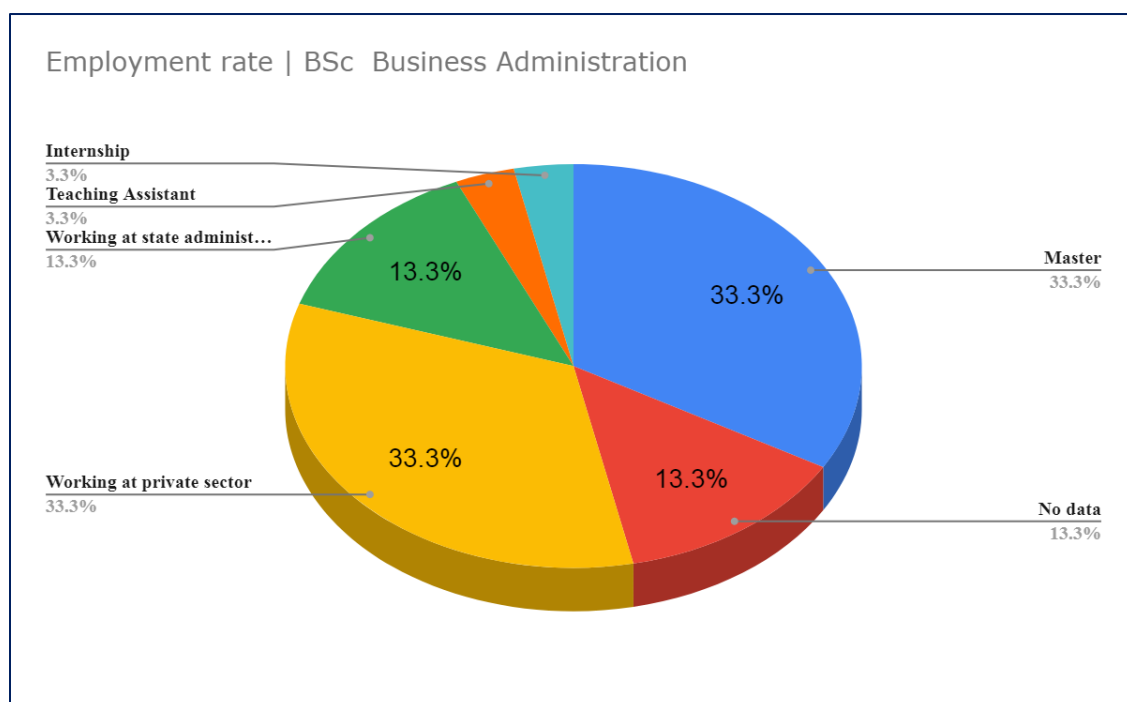


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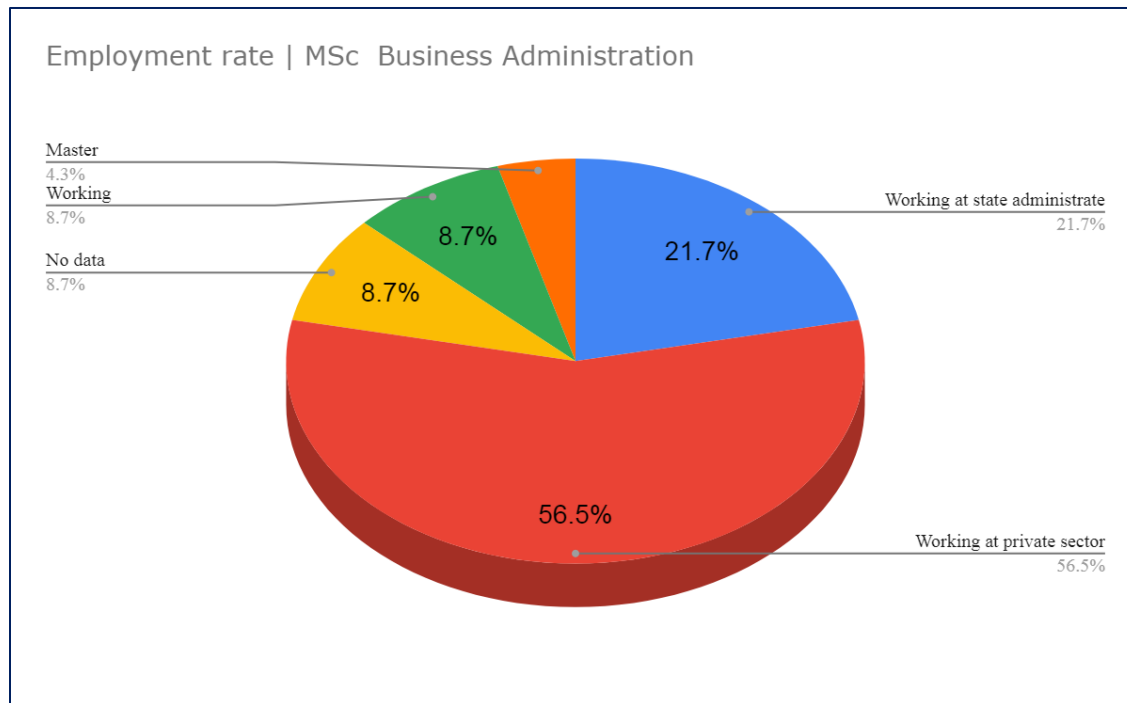


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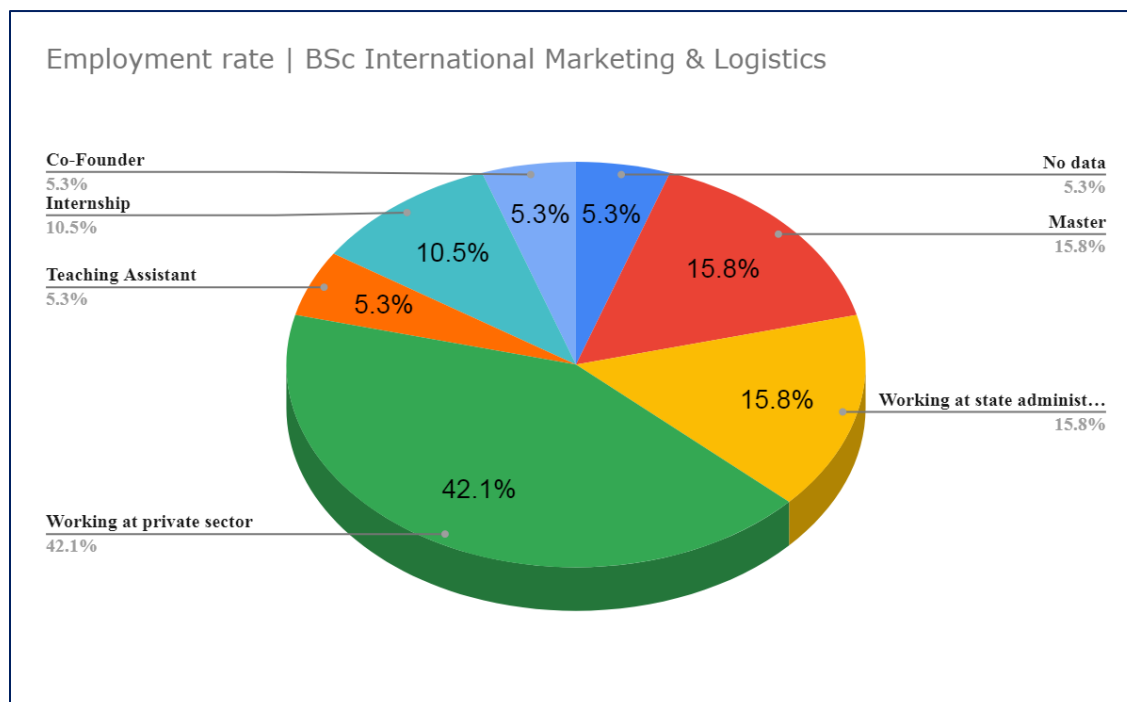


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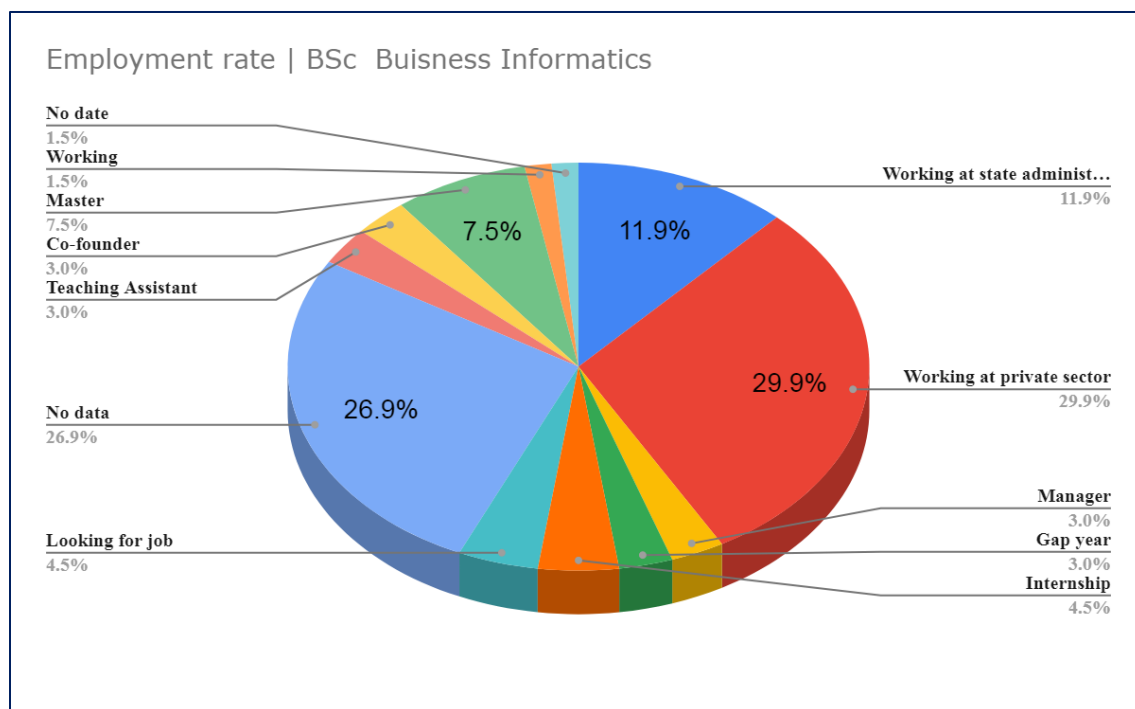


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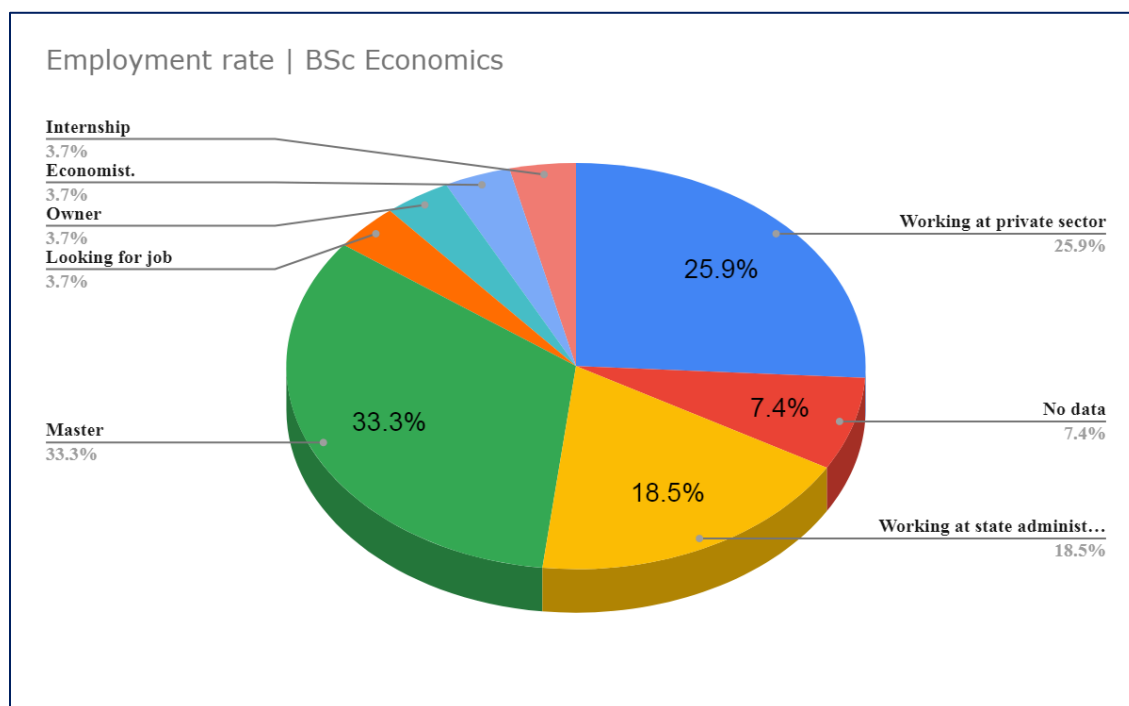


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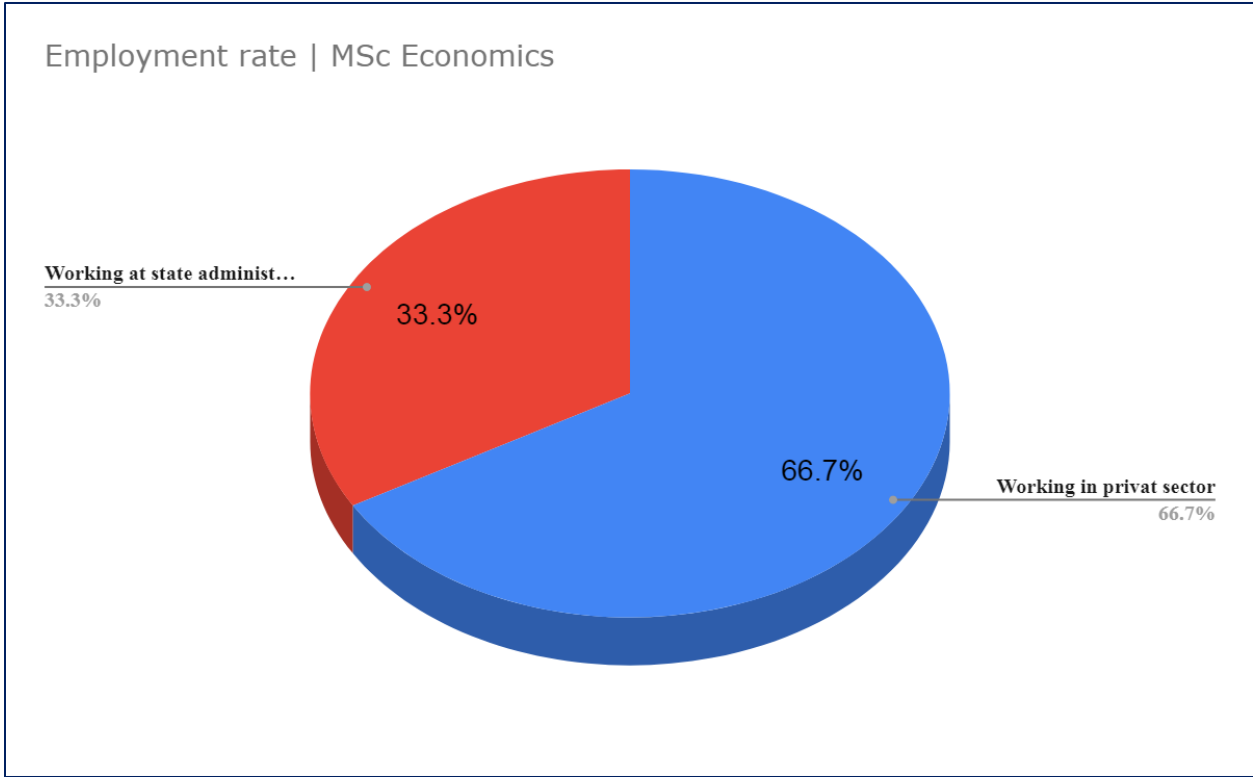


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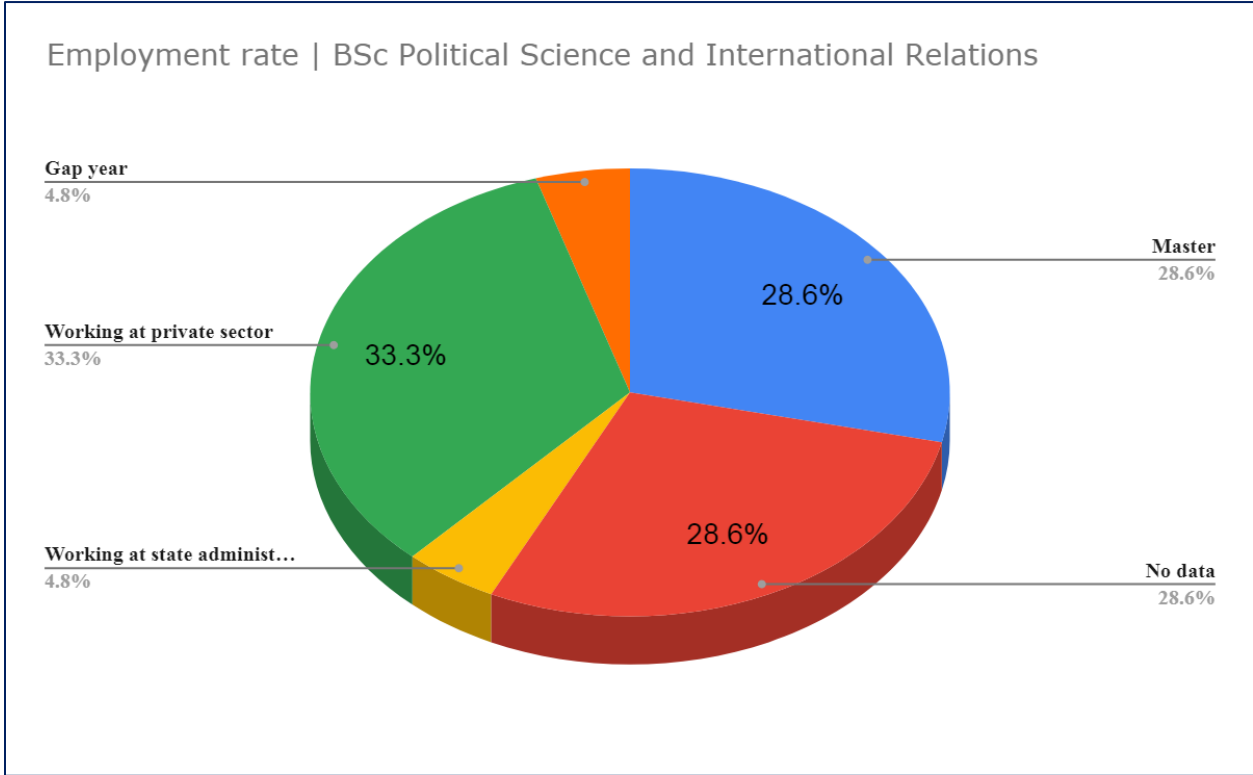


Figure 26: BSc Employment rate statistics of Political Science and International Relations

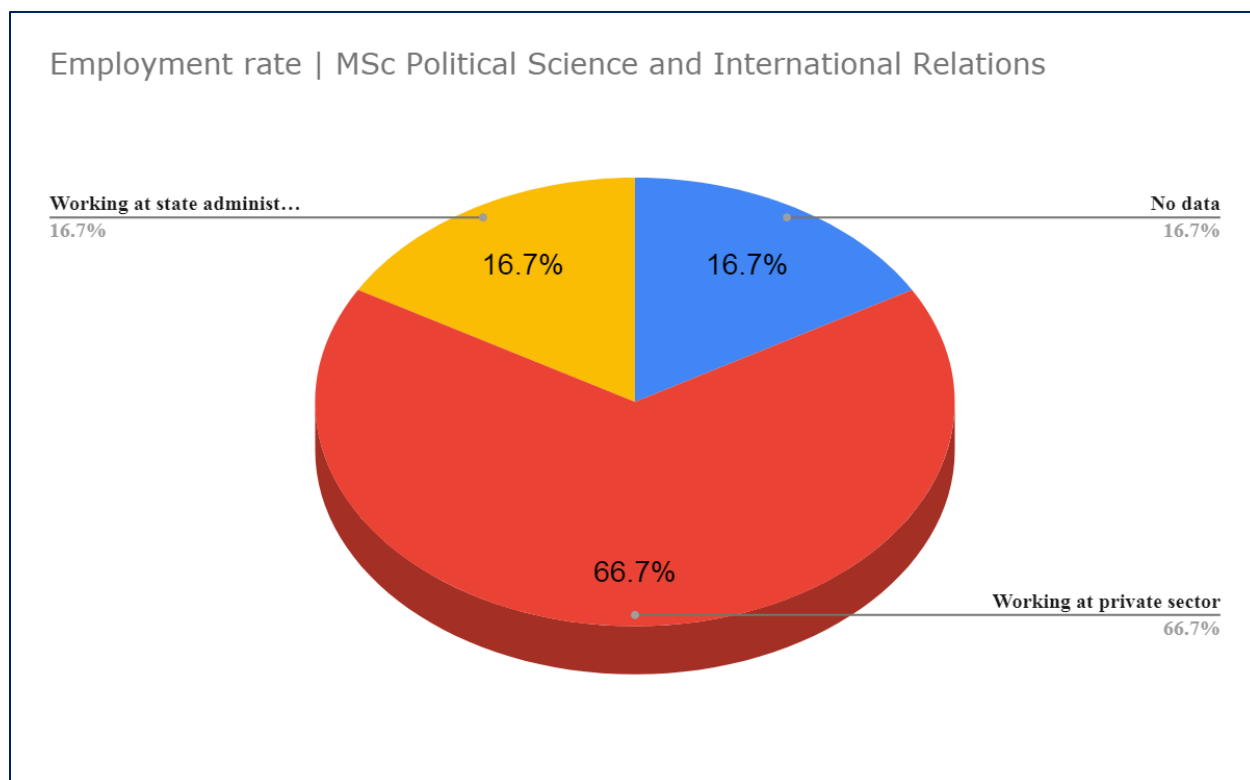


Figure 27: MSc Employment rate statistics of Political Science and International Relations

2.9 Opportunity at British American Tobacco

On March 22, 2020 Career Planning and Alumni organized an info session held by British American Tobacco with topic “Company presentation”, “Career counseling”, “Recruitment Process”, “Mentorship”.

During this info session the students know the company and how it worked in other countries as well. After they explained the internship for students that are in their last year and how to apply there.

The guest was Irida Kovi, HR Manager and Johan Baguca, Marketing Deployment Manager (Former Global Graduate).

At the end of the Info Session, students were interested in and asked question-related applications.

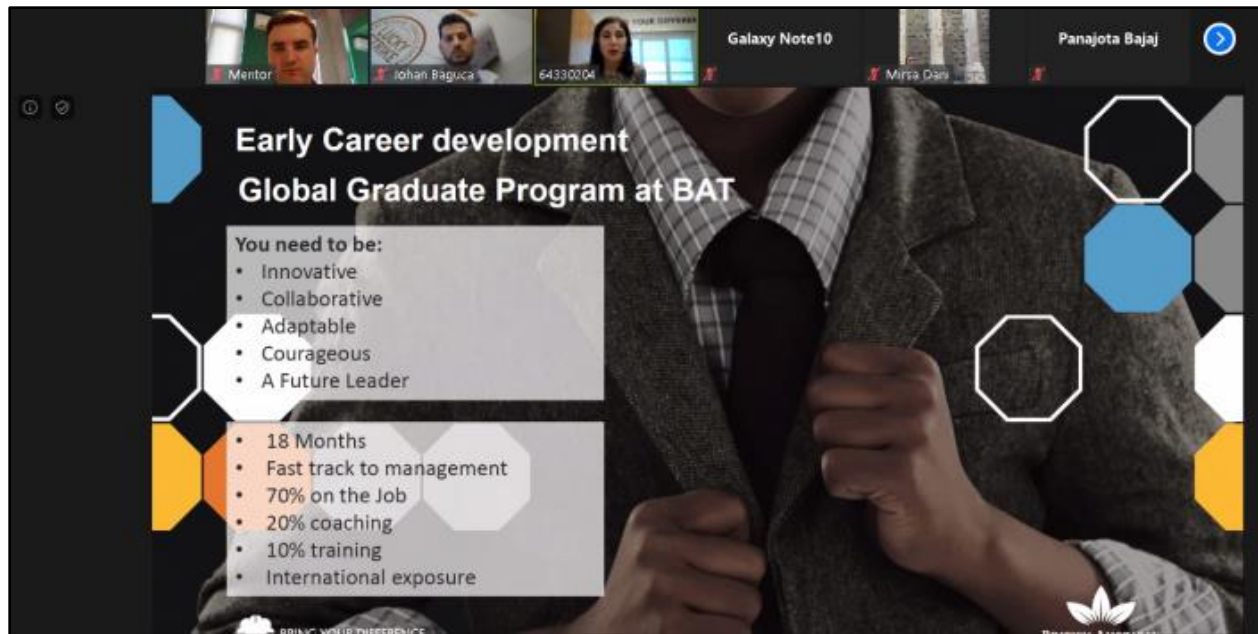


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2. 10 Career Training from HR of EPOKA University

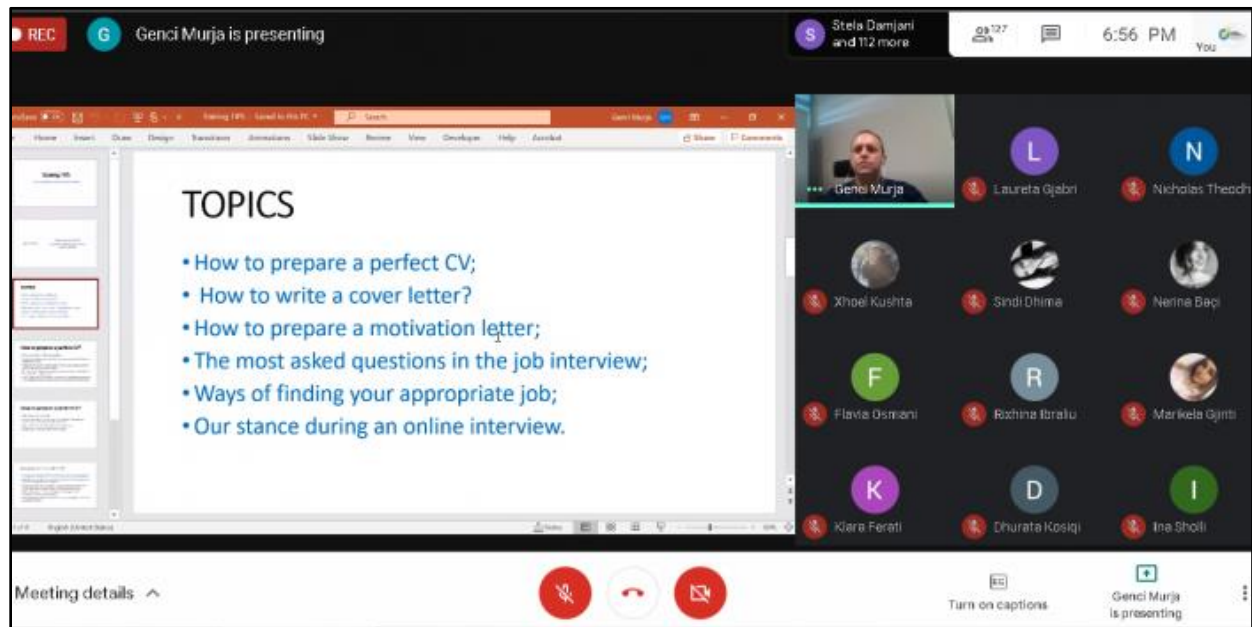
On June 16, 2020, Career Planning and Alumni office organized an info session for career training for Epoka students. This information was introduced by the Head of Human Resource "EPOKA" University Mr. Genci Murja.

The topics discussed were these:

- 1- How to prepare a perfect CV
- 2- How to impress in the Job Interview
- 3- How to prepare a motivation letter
- 4- The most commonly asked questions in the job interview
- 5- Ways of finding your appropriate job
- 6- Our stance during an online interview.

During this info session, the students know how to prepare a CV, and which are the most asked questions in a job interview. This helped the students to be prepared for the 7th Career Fair online edition.

At the end of the online info session for career training, students asked questions about which programs they should use to prepare a perfect CV, how to impress employers.



2.11 Epoka University successfully organized Seventh Career Fair | Online Edition

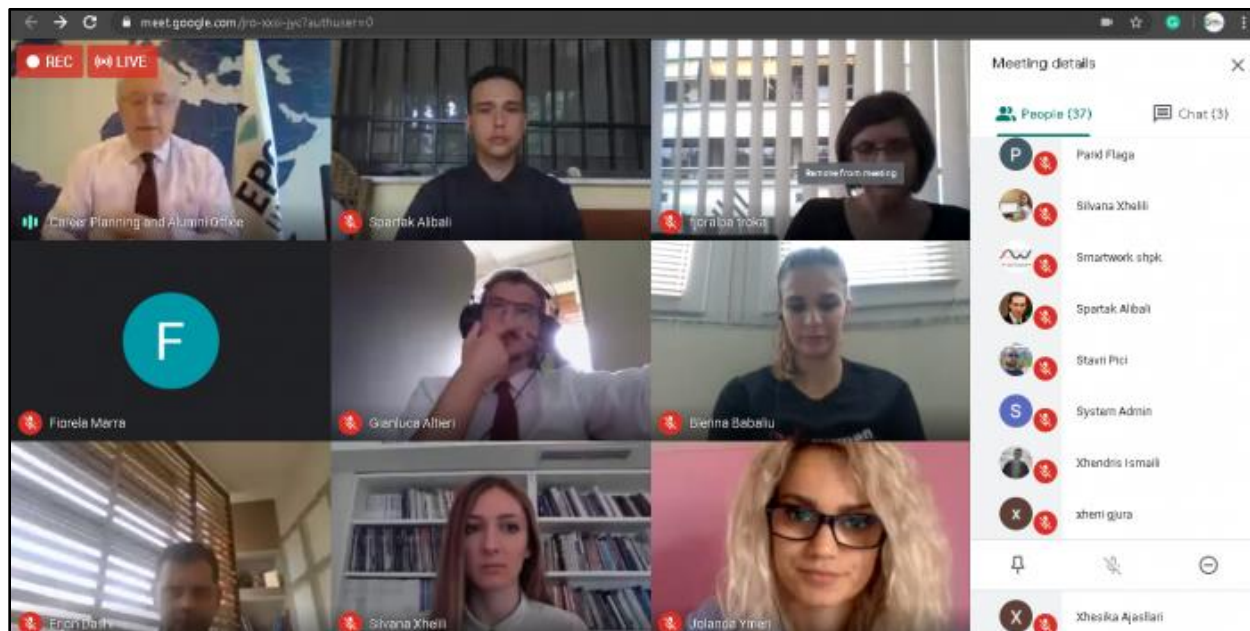


Figure 29: Epoka University successfully organized Seventh Career Fair | Online Edition

On Wednesday 17 June, Epoka University organized the 7th Career Fair - Online Edition.

Considering the situation we are in and not having the opportunity for a face-to-face meeting like every other year, the career fair took place online on the Livestream platform and then google meet. The purpose of this activity, which has become a tradition in our University, is to bring closer the students with the labor market. The Career Fair was attended by 51 national and international companies that held group discussions with students and then with each of them personally. In the opening ceremony, there was held a welcoming speech for our guests, from Listen Bashkurti, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences. We had the honor to have a speech from Amela Dulla, Head of Human Resources Department of Kontakt shpk. One of our guests was also one of our alumni students, Haxhire Dhiari she is working at MAD (Multidisciplines of Architecture and Design) and another alumni Kei Hysi she is continuing her master's degree in Management and Technology with a specialization in Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Informatics (major) while currently working part-time as a Marketing project leader in techTALENTS department of UnternehmerTUM.

They shared their experience with our guests and how many opportunities Epoka University provides. A lot of students consulted with different companies, handing their CVs for every internship or job possibility they offer.

This is a good opportunity for our students to start their careers.