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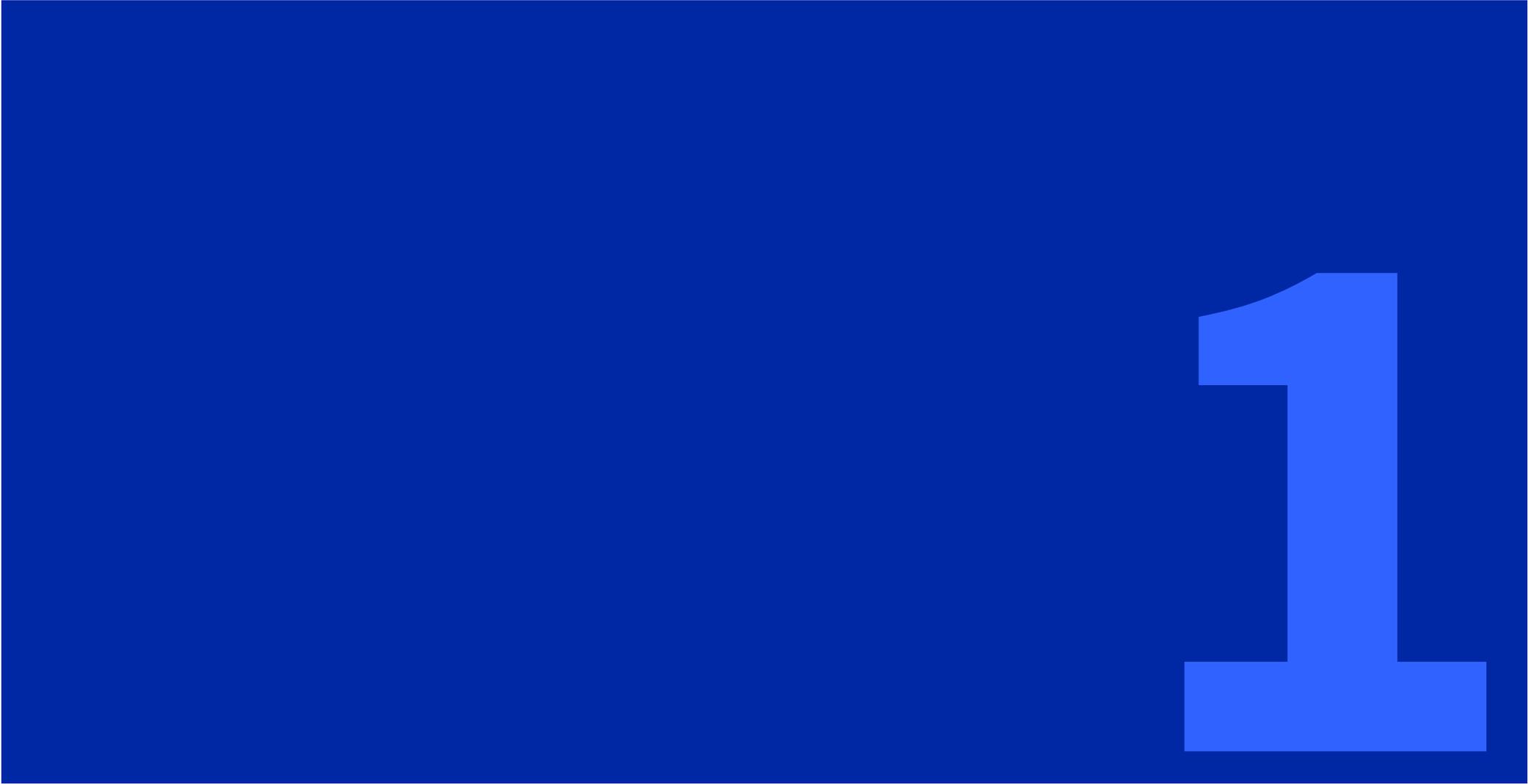
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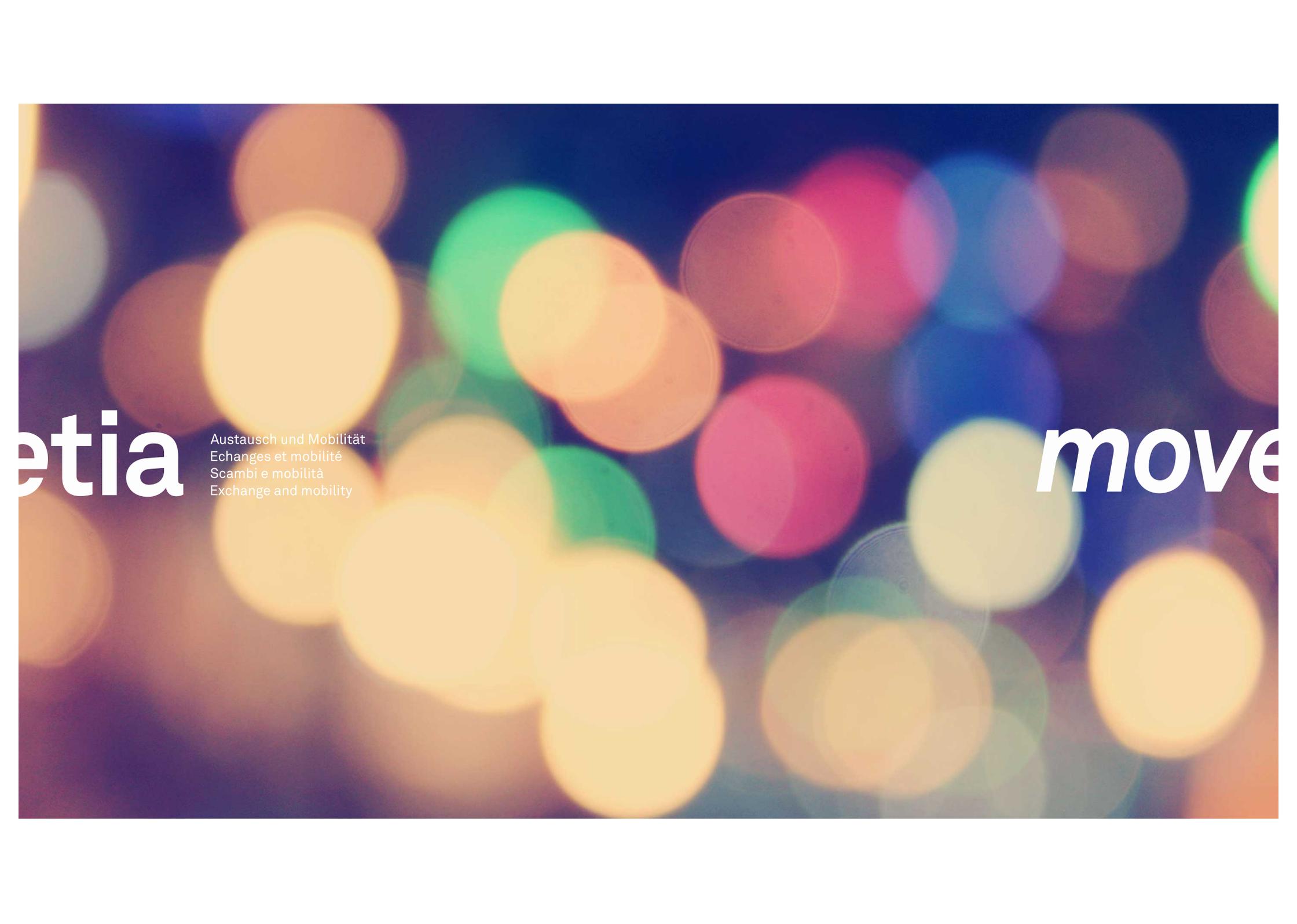
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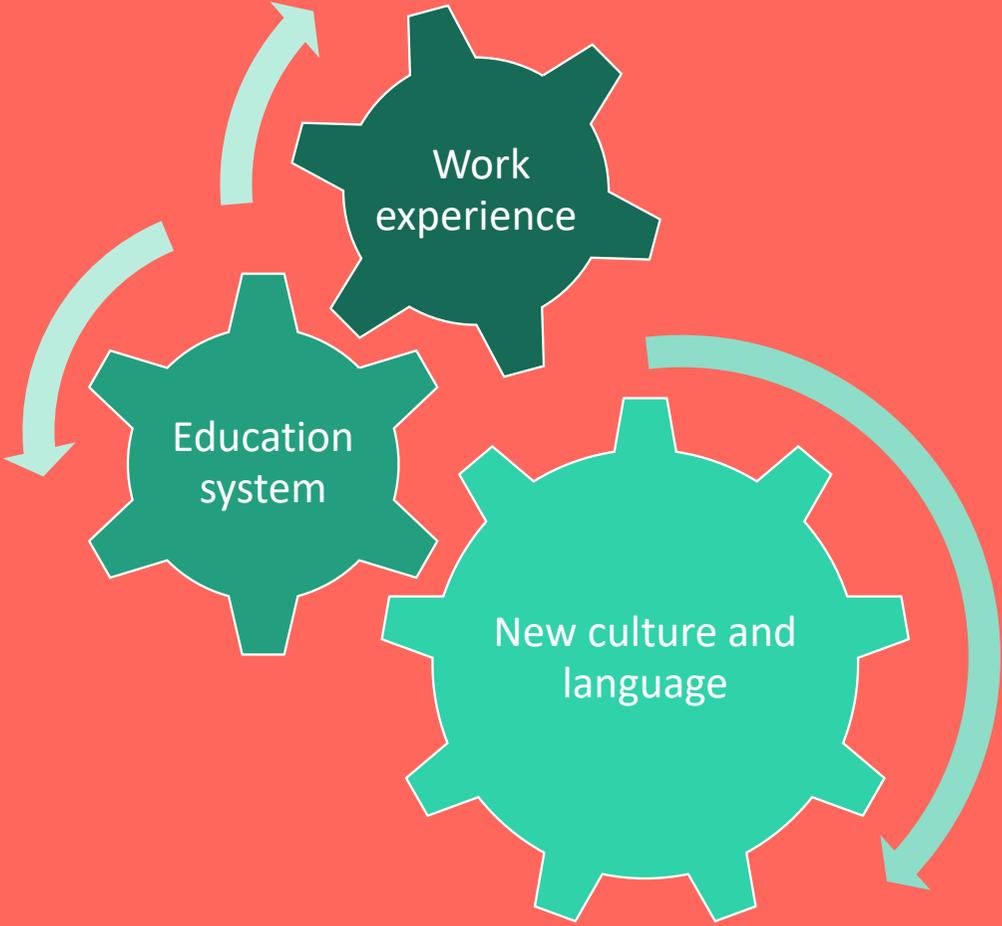
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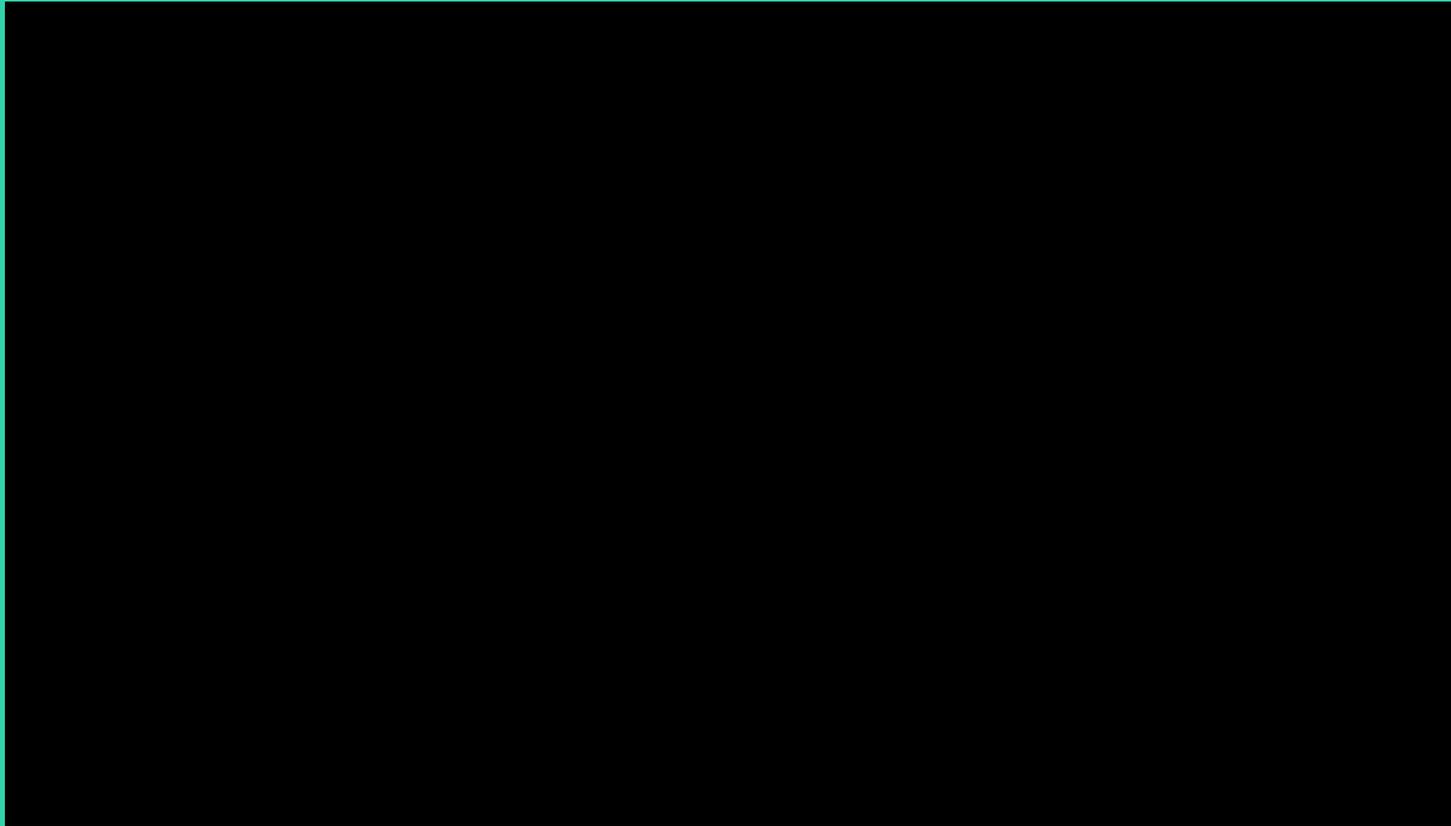
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Language Assistance Programme





Julia Sabbatini – A former assistant shares her experience





United-Kingdom
(Scotland, Northern
Ireland, Wales, England)

France
Belgium

Where
can you
go?

Spain

Swiss schools
abroad
(Italy, Spain, Singapur,
Colombia)



Start in the fall

Duration
6 – 12 months

Workload
12 – 19 lectures per
week

Salary
Different salaries
between
destinations

Eligibility Requirements

- Students, recent graduates or teachers without professional experience.
→ Teachers with up to three years of professional experience are also eligible.
- Applicants must be native speakers of French, German or Italian.
- Interested persons must have completed at least four semesters of study at a university, university of applied sciences, teacher training college or higher technical college.
- A broad knowledge base, clear expression in the mother tongue and the ability to work independently with half-classes or groups are required.
- Participants should also be between 20 and 30 years of age.
In justified cases (second degree), candidates up to 35 years of age may also be considered.

Application process and additional information

How to apply

- Check the eligibility criteria on [the Movetia website](#)
- Read the programme descriptions for the respective countries
- Interested parties should apply using the online application tool (<https://movetia.ch/SAP>). **See the website for application deadlines (march-may)**

Decision

Applicants are usually notified of their final acceptance into the programme between February and April. In urgent cases, notification may be given earlier.

United Kingdom: Information about final participation will not be available until early May.

Processing fee

Movetia will charge a processing fee of **CHF 150** upon definitive acceptance into the programme.



More information:

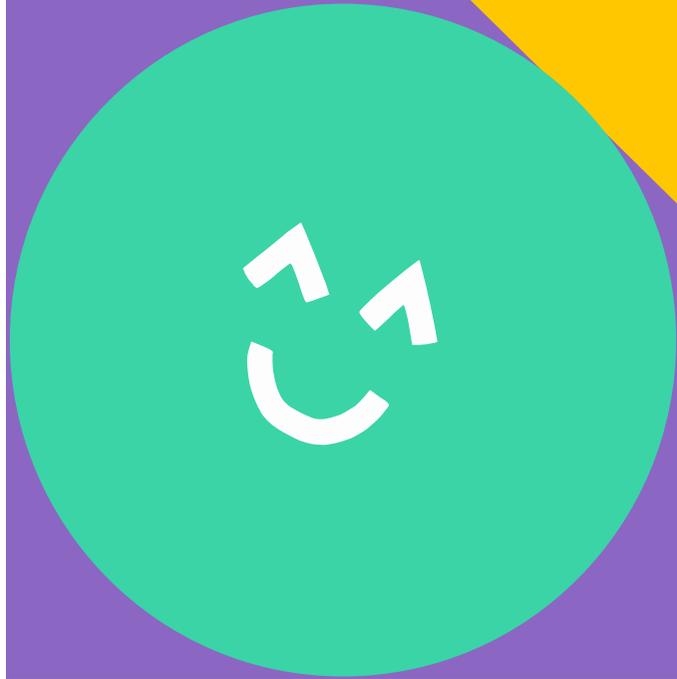
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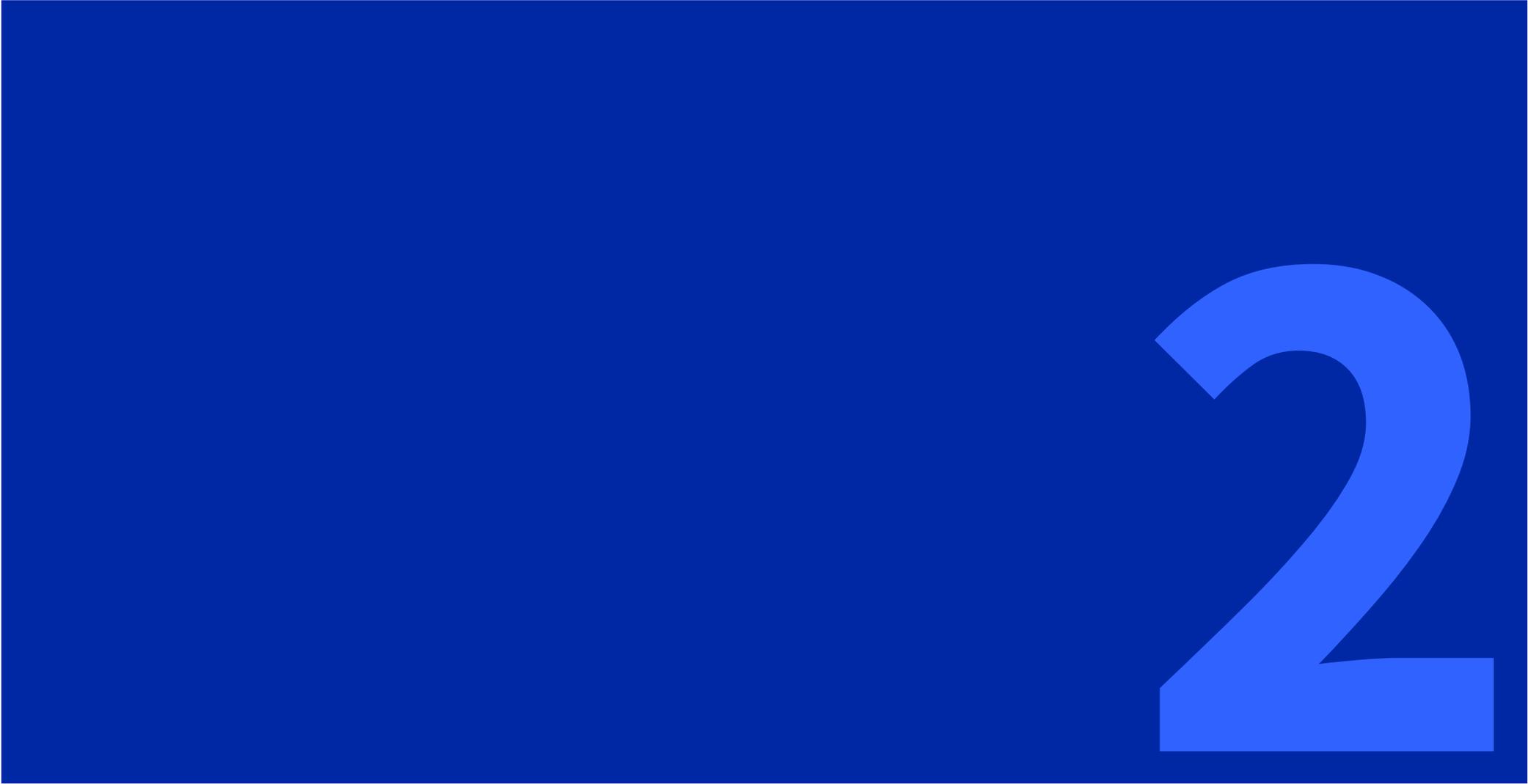
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Questions?





Lehrdiplom – Regulations for the Stay Abroad Requirement

Six-month stay abroad (i.e. 26 weeks – i.e. **180 days** – with **max. one interruption**) **before** being allowed to book the module *Fachdidaktik I*.

The stay abroad must take place after the *Matura*, in a region approved by the English Department (see list on ES website, list will be updated soon). This requirement can be waived if:

- the candidate spent a full academic year at an English-language school in a predominantly English-speaking region after the age of 15 (e.g. at a US high school);
- one's entire schooling until at least the age of 12 took place in English-language schools in predominantly English-speaking regions.

During the stay abroad, you need to make sure that you engage in language-intensive activities. You can study, work, travel, etc., but if you travel, you must be able to prove that English was used considerably during your stay abroad (e.g. you lived with local hosts, you took part in workshops, cultural tours, visited museums to learn about the region's culture and history, etc.).

Students are expected to **be able to submit written proof** of their stay abroad (e.g. flight tickets, certificates of enrollment and/or employment, etc.). **Note:** Flight tickets alone do not constitute proof!

More information on the English Stay Abroad Requirement and the accepted anglophone regions:
<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/lehrdiplom/stayabroadrequirement.html>

→ If you have any questions, please contact studyabroad@es.uzh.ch





Study Abroad: Exchange Places Reserved for Students of English

Requirements

- enrolled at UZH when applying and during exchange
- min. 2 semesters at UZH completed before leaving for exchange (for BA students)
- Learning Agreement (UZH Global Student Experience Office via Mobility Online)
- Anerkennungsvereinbarung (ES → Studiendekanat)

Note: Please check the Mobility Online search platform to see the available exchange places for HS26/FS27. You can apply until January 15, there is no first come first served!

Study Abroad: Exchange Places Reserved for Students of English

Country	University	BA	MA
Austria	Universität Wien		1 x 1 Sem.
Finland	University of Helsinki (1 slot reserved for ES students)		1 x 1 Sem.
	University of Tampere	1 x 2 Sem.	1 x 2 Sem.
Germany	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena		1 x 1 Sem.
Romania	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca		1 x 1 Sem.
Spain	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	1 x 2 Sem.	-
Canada	Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax	1 x 1 Sem.	-
Ireland	Trinity College Dublin (<i>only Literature!</i>)	1 x 1 Sem.	-
UK	University of Aberdeen	2 x 1 Sem.	-
	University of Lancaster	1 x 1 Sem.	1 x 1 Sem.
	Plymouth University (<i>only Literature!</i>)	1 x 2 Sem.	-
	University of Sheffield	2 x 1 Sem.	1 x 1 Sem. <i>only FS2027!</i>
	University of Warwick, Coventry	1 x 1 Sem.	-
	Queen Mary University of London	2 x 1 Sem. OR 1 x 2 Sem.	-

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/studyingabroad.html>

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Study Abroad: Other Exchange Places: UZH “Diverse” and Worldwide Agreements

All possible exchange slots for English Literature and/or Linguistics students can be found on the Mobility Online search platform (for 2025/2026):

https://mobility.int.uzh.ch/mobility/PortalServlet?identifier=ZURICH01&showAll=0&showPartner=0&showAgreements=1&showQuestions=1&preselectTab=ver_nav_button





Study Abroad: Application Process, Deadlines & Accreditation

Bachelor (if you want to complete the degree in six semesters):

- not during first two semesters → only **after successful completion of foundation studies**
- **if one year: semesters 3 & 4**
- **if one term: ideally semester 5, but 3-5 all possible**
- the final semester is not ideal for a stay abroad

Master (if you want to complete the degree in four semesters):

- **ideally semester 2 or 3, but semester 1 is also no problem**
- the final semester is not ideal for a stay abroad

Be aware that sometimes, course choices may change and that not all courses can be accredited the way you would like them to be accredited.

More information on the stay abroad accreditation criteria:

<https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/studyingabroad.html>



Study Abroad: Application Process, Deadlines & Accreditation

Option 1: Min. 1 ES-only place (+ 0-2 UZH «Diverse» or worldwide places)

Examples:

1. London, 2. Lancaster, 3. Vienna (all ES-only places)

1. Sydney, 2. Lancaster, 3. Durham (1 worldwide, 1 ES-only place, 1 «Diverse»)

Deadline: January 15

- Always put your 1st choice on Place 1!
- Applications via Mobility Online (opens on November 1)
- Follow the guidelines on Mobility Online and the ES website!
- Mention your academic interests in your motivational letter for the English Department and also mention at least 3 courses that you would be interested in and explain why! For the GSE, you will need to fill out a questionnaire.
- ES specific documents: Application Form and 3 Referee Reports
→ digital forms available from November 1, please check the English Department Stay Abroad website

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Financial support for SEMP: fees at guest university waived + grant*: CHF 1330.- for a trimester (2-3 months) and CHF 1900.- for a semester (3+ months)

(*Mobility grants cannot be guaranteed, grant sum may vary!)

Important Links:

- ES guideline (Application Steps) & links to Application form and Referee Report form: <https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/studyingabroad.html>
- Abteilung Global Student Experience (GSE) guidelines:
SEMP & «Diverse»: <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/program/erasmus.html>
Worldwide: <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/program/world.html>

Study Abroad: Application Process, Deadlines & Accreditation

Option 2: Only UZH «Diverse» and/or worldwide places

Examples:

1. Nottingham, 2. Sydney, 3. Melbourne (1 Diverse and 2 worldwide)

Deadlines: see Global Student Experience website (usually January 15, subject to change)

- Always put your 1st choice on Place 1!
- Grades are important, as these are one of the primary selection criteria for the GSE places.
- Applications via Mobility Online (opens on November 1)
- Follow the guidelines on Mobility Online!
- Financial support: fees at guest university waived, some grants available (see <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/finance.html>)
- ES students can also apply for financial support via the ES Alumni Student Fund: <http://www.es.uzh.ch/en/alumni/esalumnistudentfund.html>
- GSE website: <https://www.int.uzh.ch/de/out/program.html>



Study Abroad: Application Process, Deadlines & Accreditation

- The accreditation criteria for English Literature and Linguistics can be found on the English Department Stay Abroad website: <https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/stayabroad/uzhoutbound/studyingabroad.html>
- Before you go abroad, you must contact the study abroad coordinator and discuss your course choices to make sure they get accredited.
- Course choices may change once you arrive at the partner university
→ contact study abroad coordinator again to discuss changes
- Before you go abroad, you need to sign
 - an Anerkennungsvereinbarung (filled out by the study abroad coordinator)
 - and for SEMP places also a Learning Agreement
- No accreditation without prior Anerkennungsvereinbarung!
- Compulsory courses should be completed at the UZH ES and not abroad
- In many cases: credit points from abroad must be converted, ask the study abroad coordinator for details
- Upon return: submit original transcripts & all written work to studyabroad@es.uzh.ch





Further Stay Abroad Options

Teaching Abroad – USA: Amity Intern Program (cf. <https://amity.org/>)

Entry Requirements

- be currently enrolled at a university OR have graduated no more than 12 months before the start
- have a career goal in education
- proficiency in English – and be enthusiastic about sharing their culture and native language

Interns:

- are assigned to a supervising teacher
- work in school for approximately 32 hours a week (excludes occasional special events)
- play a flexible role in the classroom (e.g. assisting teacher, developing materials, etc.)
- **Note:** Interns stay with a host family (free room and board) + monthly stipend of \$200

Further Stay Abroad Options

Fulbright-Swiss Foreign Student and Visiting Scholar Program, USA

Entry Requirements

- Swiss citizenship
- Undergraduate degree from a University or University of Applied Sciences and Arts completed by summer 2024.
- English proficiency with a TOEFL Internet-based iBT score of 100 or higher.

Duration of stay: 4-10 months, not renewable

Grant sum: ca. \$20,000, depending on the number of finalists and on the availability of funds

Application Deadline: August 2026 for an exchange in summer 2027

<https://www.swissuniversities.ch/service/stipendien-ausland/grants-for-the-usa/fulbright-student-grants>





Stay Abroad Portfolio & Research-based Report

Stay Abroad Portfolio (Bachelor Module) and Stay Abroad: Research-Based Report (Master Module)

- Students who have spent six or more weeks within one year and with max. one interruption (i.e. min. 42 days) in the same particular Anglophone region (region = usually not a whole country) can choose to compile a stay abroad portfolio (BA) or a research-based report (MA) and earn 3 ECTS.
- If you have already received credit points in English for a stay abroad or studying abroad (e.g. exchange semester, credited summer school, credited internship, regular studies in another country, etc.), it does NOT count as a possible stay abroad for the portfolio/report.
- **Before you book the module**, you should send an outline to the study abroad coordinator and discuss your idea for the portfolio/report
- The portfolio must be **handed in no later than 12 months after the end of the stay abroad**
- You can find these modules in the course catalog in the module group Other Curricular modules
- **Submission deadlines: Fall semester: November 1 / Spring semester: May 1**



Q & A Session



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