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Belgian candidates are positive about their career and the labour market

Candidates in Belgium have a positive view on their career, as well as on the labour market in general. According to a study by PageGroup, 57% percent of candidates between 30 and 49 expect a promotion. More than half expect the labour market to grow in the near future.

These results reflect the improving Belgian economy. Although the terror attacks had some negative impact on the economic activity - especially in the tourist industry - the effect was limited. Last year the economy grew with 1.4 percent, the biggest growth since 2011. The National Bank of Belgium expects the growth to continue, which will result in 140.000 extra jobs between 2016 and 2018.

That's why 65 percent of the candidates between 30 and 49 see a bright future for the economy. 65 percent expect the labour market to improve and 63 percent think the economy in general is getting better.

Quarterly labour market study

These are the first results of the quarterly Confidence Index of PageGroup. The index will be updated every quarter. It reflects how candidates of all ages and professions view their current professional situation and the economy in general. They are asked questions such as their expectations regarding career, salary, work and the situation on job market. For the first quarter of 2016 PageGroup interviewed more than 14 thousand candidates in countries all over Europe.

Positive trend European job market

The results of index in the Belgium reflect a broader trend on the European job market. Overall European candidates in all age groups have a positive view on the developments in the labour market and their current job situation.

Nevertheless the results vary strongly, depending on the local situation. Candidates in southern Europe tend to be less positive about the economy. In countries like Italy, Portugal and Spain around 70 percent of the candidates don't see any improvements in the economy nor in the labor market.

The country where candidates are the most optimistic is Sweden. More than 60 percent of all the Swedish candidates are positive about the current job market, and 77 percent think it will improve in the near future.

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