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e-Career Fair: The Easiest Way to Find Internships or Jobs

The fourth electronic career fair in South Eastern Europe began today and will run through April 21st. Over 30 companies and educational institutions, and over 3,000 students from universities and vocational high schools throughout Macedonia are expected to participate in the online fair on the www.mycareer.com.mk portal, organized by the USAID Competitiveness Project's My Career program.

"This is an important event for students and all individuals seeking employment, as well as the companies that look to recruit the most talented people in Macedonia," said Joseph Lessard, USAID Economic Growth Office Director.

Companies such as Societe General Group, Procredit Bank, Croatia Insurance, Winner - Vienna , Mellon Solutions, Pan Expert and many more will have live chats with students, and over 30 companies and 11 education institutions will have virtual stands. "Participation in the e-Career Fair will save our company time and resources in accessing the best talent on the labor market, and will give young people opportunities to develop their careers," said Vilma Uceta Duzlevska, Sector Director of Croatia Insurance - Life.

For the duration of the e-Career Fair, www.mycareer.com.mk will offer live chats with managers from well-known companies, exclusive job and internship position advertisements, virtual stands of 30 companies, promotion of universities and vocational schools, and opportunities for students and job seekers to talk to people who were employed as a result of their internships. Students can receive feedback on their CVs, cover letters, and simulated job interviews, and can also apply for free training in crafting CVs, improving communication skills and job ethics.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The My Career program was launched in February 2009 with financial support from USAID, and has been registered as non-governmental organization since September 2010. My Career has already facilitated over 1,600 structured and organized internships, and 300 of those resulted in permanent employment. To date, over 10,000 students and 400 companies are registered on the portal. My Career has organized three e-Career fairs since November 2009 with more than 13,000 visitors and 100 companies taking an active part in the fairs.

The American people, through USAID, have invested over \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that increase investment, create jobs, reduce corruption and improve the quality of education in Macedonia. These initiatives support Macedonia's transition to a stable democracy and its successful integration into the European Union. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.