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# Bist du nach dem Studium direkt ins Berufsleben eingestiegen?

I took a couple of months off to enjoy the Summer and started working in Autumn.

#### Warum hast du diese Studienrichtung gewählt?

When I was finishing my Matura, I was really concerned about the problems of the environment so I wanted to study in a field where I could make a difference. I traveled to Tanzania (Zanzibar) after my Gymnasium and I was shocked because we were on this beautiful Island and there were open dumps everywhere, sometimes right next to a village or in the middle of the forest. This experience confirmed my choice.

Wovor hattest du zu Studienbeginn am meisten Respekt? -

# Was war für dich rückblickend die grösste Herausforderung während des Studiums?

Time management. Finding the right balance between studying-sport-socializing-resting has been challenging, especially in the 1st semester where we had no holidays to take a break. This helped me a lot to learn how to organize myself better and to prioritize.

# Hast du persönliche Stärken oder Schwächen, denen du während des Studiums vermehrt begegnet bist?

I wasn't particularly well organized when I was in high school so it helped me a lot to improve on this weakness.

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Was sind deine Interessen und Hobbys? Basketball, hiking, music

#### Was war das schönste und was das schwierigste Erlebnis während der ETH-Zeit?

My best experience was the field trip for the Groundwater lecture. It was a great opportunity to bond with my classmates and make interesting experiments. The toughest experience was the first exam session as I had to catch up with a couple of lectures which I did not have during my Bachelor degree at EPFL and I had to adapt to a new school.

# Hast du ein Zwischenjahr zwischen Bachelor- und Masterstudium gemacht?

No but I went to Munich (TUM) for an Erasmus for my last year of Bachelor which was almost like a sabbatical.

#### Hast du noch Kontakt zu Leuten aus der Studienzeit?

Yes, even if we do not see each other so often as I live close to Geneva and most of them are working in the Zurich area.

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## Wo arbeitest du und wie sieht dein Berufsalltag aus?

I work as a project manager at Romande Energie. My goal is to invest in new photovoltaic installations so I have to manage the contracts with the customers and suppliers, orders, planning, ... I work mostly in the office, but I have to visit construction sites from time to time. The solar energy field is very dynamic and changing rapidly so the highlights would be that I can take part in innovative projects.

### Hattest du zu Studienbeginn eine konkrete Vorstellung davon, wo und in welcher Funktion du später einmal arbeiten willst?

I was interested in many things so I changed my mind 1000 times. Even at the end of my studies, I considered various options.

# Gibt es eine berufsspezifische Weiterbildung, die du anstrebst?

There are several trainings in project management that I would like to attend.

#### Wo siehst du dich beruflich in den nächsten Jahren?

I am happy with my current employer so I would still see myself there with a more active role in business development.

## Was sagst du jemandem, der sich für den Studiengang Umweltingenieurwissenschaften interessiert?

Go for it! There is a high need and demand for environmental engineers and many interesting jobs in our field.

### Wie würdest du jemandem den Beruf des Umweltingenieurs / der Umweltingenieurin beschreiben?

Specialized in the environmental issues (water management and treatment, LCA & environmental impact assessments, soil fertility...)

# Welche Tipps auf der Suche nach dem passenden Studium gibst du den zukünftigen Studierenden?

I would strongly recommend to do at least one internship and exchange with alumni about their own experiences.

