

# Master Choice Roadmap

## ➔ Step 1: Realize that you have to choose and accept uncertainty

Permit yourself that "you don't know yet", knowing that you are working on it. You can also reply that to people who remain to inquire well-intentioned how far you have come.

## ➔ Step 2: Know yourself, what do you want; what are you good at?

What do you enjoy doing, what are your competences? What are your interests? What makes you happy? What is the source for your energy? What makes you move? What are you really good at? Talk to people who know you well, such as your parents or a close friend. Make a list of your interests, your competences, and your skills. Think of three activities that you would like to see back in a future profession. Discuss these activities agree with your parents or friends and ask them whether they think such activities fit you.

The worksheets *Determine your energy sources* and *Determine your values* might be helpful here.

## ➔ Step 3: Your ideal study

What criteria do you have when choosing a course? What expectations? Decide what are important criteria. For example, you want a well paid job later? Make an important contribution to society? Do you aspire to be a manager in the future and to lead, or would you rather be an executive or investigate processes? And: how do you want your Master's program to look like? Think of things like content, teaching methods, atmosphere and location.

## ➔ Step 4: Exploring the possibilities

Once you have a better idea of what you like and what you think is important, you can start comparing several Masters programmes. This can be done by visiting information sessions with Master coordinators, or talk to students, and ofcourse there is a lot of information on the Internet. Talk to students already taking the course and/or graduates. Use the matrix to keep everything you learn structured!

Make sure you get an answer to all the questions you prepared beforehand.

## ➔ Step 5: Compare programmes

Have you found a number of interesting options, then it is time to look at them in more detail. Compare your set of criteria to what they offer.

## ➔ Step 5: Decide

Now it's time to make the choice. Process all the information you have gathered. If the penny does not come right away, you may well have to think for a while longer. Usually, the real decision comes unexpectedly. Don't forget to listen to your gut-feeling: choose what really excites you/what you are really interested in.

## ➔ Step 6: Action!

Sign up for the study of your choice and enter this new adventure full of courage and enthusiasm!