

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

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STSM Title: Research stay in relation to career learning and development

The goal of my STSM ...

The goal of my STSM was to structure an initial conversation between theory on employability in higher education and how universities – and especially Career professionals from the universities career service centres – can work with supporting university staff with an integration of an employability-perspective in their teaching and within the curriculum. My own university (Aarhus University) and the host institution (University of Derby) provided the cases for this conversation.

The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM ...

How different understandings of both curriculum and employability is interpreted across countries and scientific disciplines and traditions, and how complex these understandings are. Especially when it comes to integrating an employability perspective into the curriculum.

I very much enjoyed ...

Having the opportunity to work at another research institution, and getting to work with and talk to researchers from an inspiring, productive and leading research environment. It was also a great pleasure to expand my research knowledge from a national perspective to an international perspective.

My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is ...

Go, go, go! It was a great experience overall. In addition, I do not think, that the STSM has to be 1:1 to your "every day" research. I really enjoyed researching something that is not exactly the same as I do my Ph.D. in, while still working within my overall research interest.

And finally, ...

I am so happy that I had the opportunity to participate in this STSM. Thanks to my host institution, who was helpful and welcoming throughout my stay.