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## Germany is the first choice of study for international students

*Quality of education and no tuition fees are the top deciding factors*

**Berlin, December 8, 2020** - Germany is the single option for the majority of international students who have moved to the country in the past few years. According to a survey conducted by Expatrio, a relocation platform supporting internationals in Germany, in partnership with the non-profit network for international students, DeGiS (*Deutsche Gesellschaft internationaler Studierender*), 59% of respondents decided on Germany without considering any other study destination. The quality of higher education institutions and tuition-free universities were the top factors for which international students decided to study in Germany.

Not only is the country attractive to international students, but also 60% of the respondents plan to remain in Germany to look for opportunities after their studies. These include jobs, pursuing further education, and starting a business in the country. The survey further highlights the greatest challenges for internationals in Germany with the language barrier being the most common one (36%), followed by finding accommodation, and dealing with the German bureaucracy and its analog processes. Tim Meyer, co-founder of Expatrio, said that "considering the demographic change Germany has been facing as well as the country-wide shortage of skilled labor, these findings are very promising. We believe that German institutions should keep fostering international student mobility towards the country."

Other survey key findings were:

- 54% of international students gave a satisfaction rating of between 8 and 10 on the inclusiveness of the German society towards international students and expatriates
- 89% of students believe that the monthly living expense set by the German government is enough to finance living expenses in Germany
- 75% of respondents gave a satisfaction rating of between 8 and 10 for their city of residence in Germany

Find the full report [here](#).

### **About Expatrio:**

Expatrio is a relocation platform supporting international students and expats wishing to live in Germany. By applying experience and expertise, Expatrio enables customers to open a state-recognized German blocked account and receive health insurance for the German visa application. Once in the country, internationals can benefit from additional services on the platform, from accommodation to job searches. Based in Berlin, Expatrio is trusted by ten thousand customers every year. Expatrio is a founding member of the non-profit network of international students in Germany, DeGiS (*Deutsche Gesellschaft internationaler Studierender gGmbH*). To learn more visit [www.expatrio.com](http://www.expatrio.com).

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