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The European photonics industry will need 80 000 highly qualified experts in the upcoming 10 years. Industry internships are regarded as important means of getting students linked to industry at a very early stage in their career. In order to examine how students' curricula match with industry needs, the European Technology Platform Photonics21 is carrying out a survey on the experience of companies and institutes with students in the context of internships. The survey intends to acquire information on the experience which companies and institutes have gathered concerning the knowledge and skills of students in the field of photonics. The purpose of this questionnaire is to analyse and improve the current situation in Europe so that a highly trained work force will be available for the photonics industry.

We would like to cordially invite you to spare about 5-7 minutes to improve photonics education in Europe. You will find the link to the survey here:

[http://www.photonics21education.org/internship\\_experience](http://www.photonics21education.org/internship_experience)

You can add more experiences (e.g. with Master students, with physics students, etc) after you submitted the first one.

We would appreciate if you could fill in the survey at your earliest convenience. The Secretariat Photonics21 thanks you very much for your participation in the survey!