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Brain drain in Europe: a journey in Medical physics

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Questions

Why?

Working conditions?

Where?

Quality of life?

Who?

language?

How many?

Professional development?

How?

Temporary or permanent jobs?

Requirements /
qualifications?

Work opportunities?



vacancies www.efomp.org

300 km

200 mi

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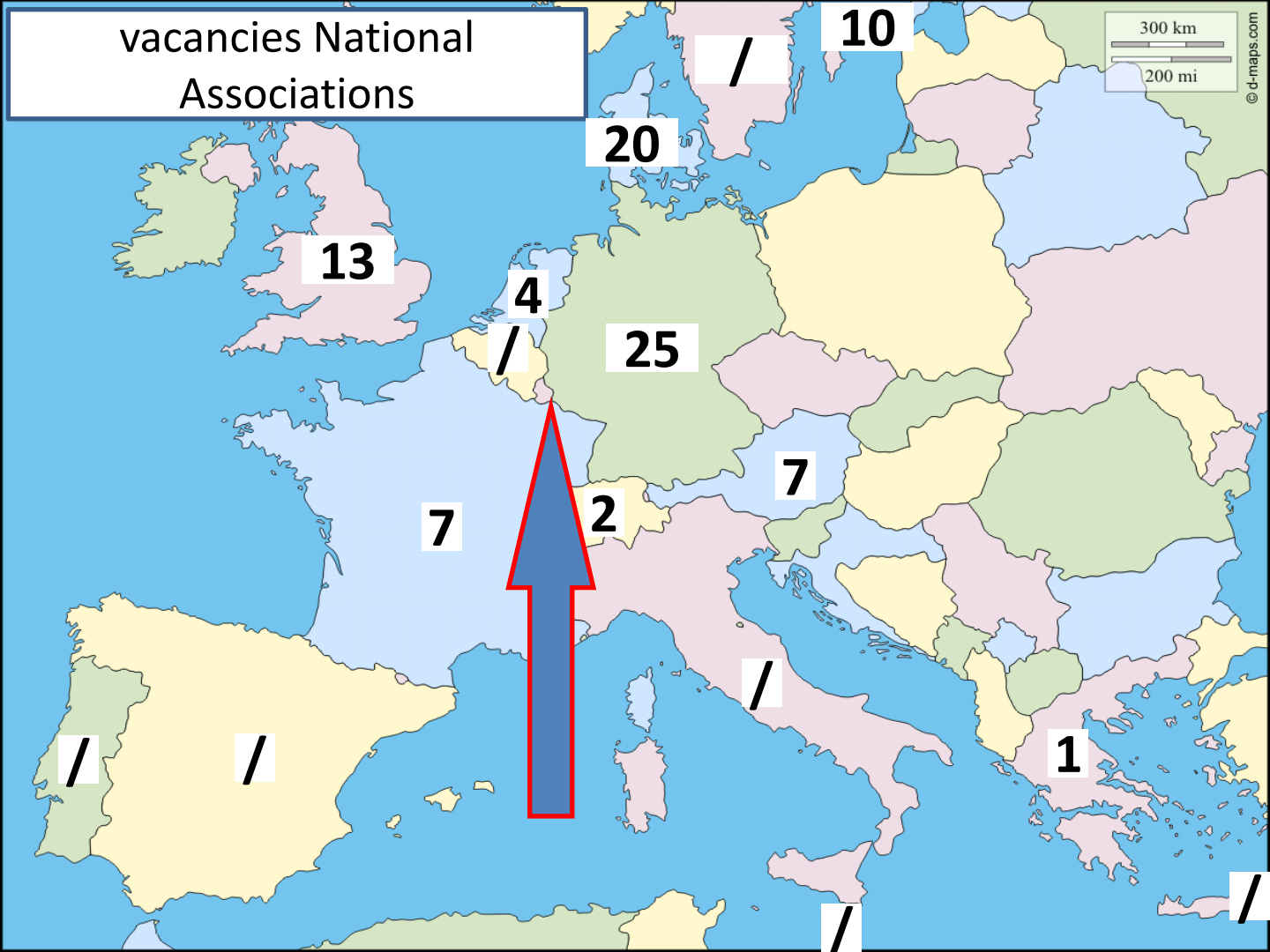
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vacancies National Associations



From Greece to Belgium

Similarities

- ✓ Population
- ✓ Years to graduate
- ✓

From Greece to Belgium

Differences

- ✓ Cost of postgraduate studies
- ✓ Licence without exams after clinical training
- ✓ Annual number of new medical physicists
- ✓ 3 licences and not 1 for all
- ✓ PhD opportunities (funded)
- ✓ Post-Doc opportunities (funded)
- ✓ Companies in Medical Industry

Med Physicists in Radiology

BELGIUM

- ✓ ~ 40 Med Physicists for QA/QC tests
 - ✓ 1 / 275000 inhabitants

VS

GREECE

- ✓ ~ 400 Med Physicists for QA/QC tests
 - ✓ 1 / 27500 inhabitants

RANKINGS ONLY PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN KEY STATISTICS *

Rank	Title	Teaching	International Outlook	Research	Citations	Industry Income	Overall
35	KU Leuven Belgium	59.9	68.6	76.9	87.3	100.0	74.8
118	Ghent University Belgium	42.1	54.2	54.5	71.2	88.3	56.6
=167	Université Catholique de Louvain Belgium	38.7	74.2	40.6	68.4	51.0	51.1
=190	University of Antwerp Belgium	31.6	64.8	40.8	71.7	60.3	49.6

US dominance wanes in the World University Rankings 2015-16

New faces take a seat at extended top table

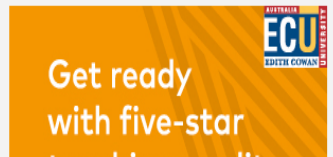
Lift the siege mentality

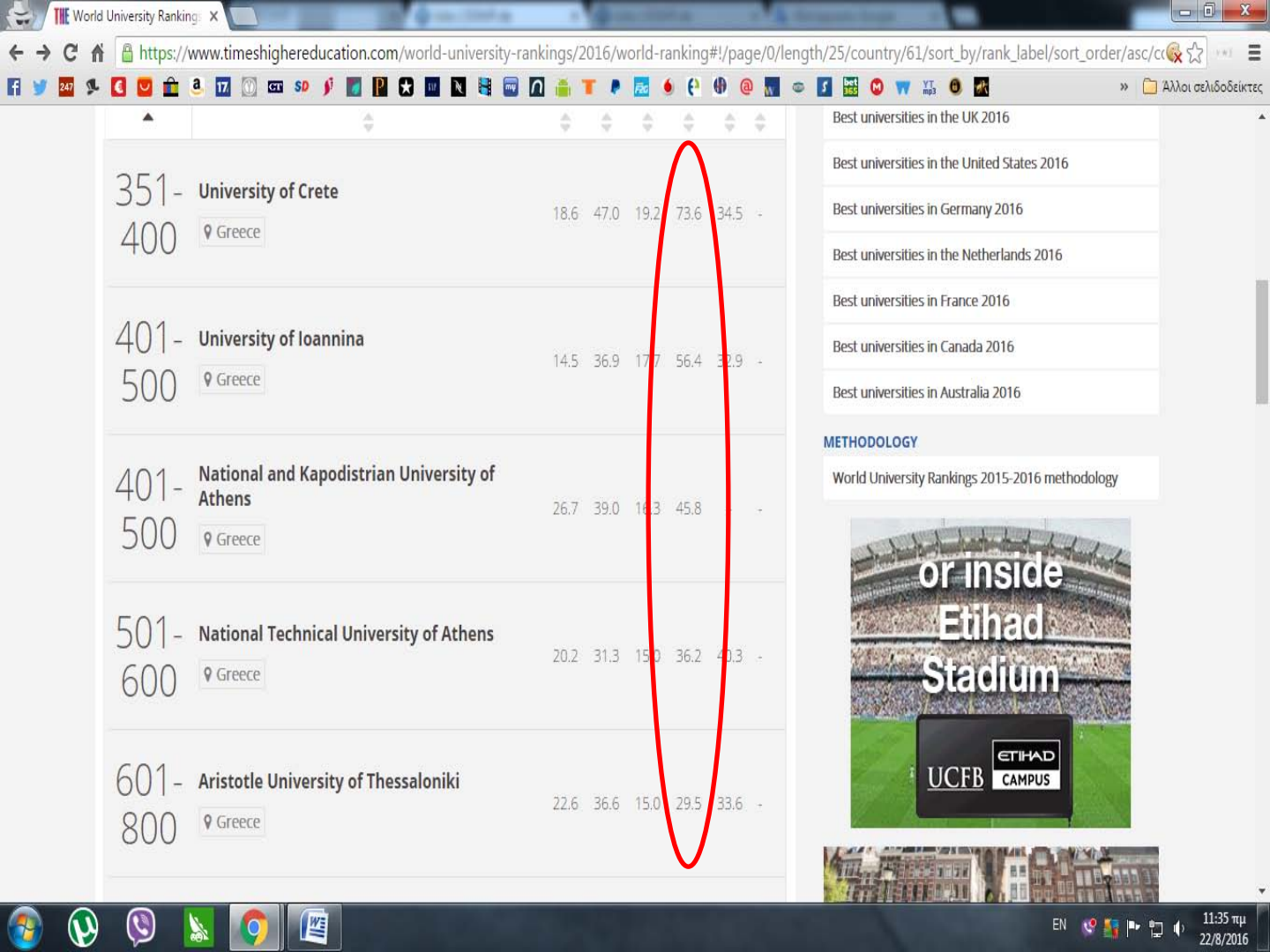
Cultural capital

- STUDENT INSIGHTS**
- Best universities in the UK 2016
 - Best universities in the United States 2016
 - Best universities in Germany 2016
 - Best universities in the Netherlands 2016
 - Best universities in France 2016
 - Best universities in Canada 2016
 - Best universities in Australia 2016

METHODOLOGY

World University Rankings 2015-2016 methodology





351- **University of Crete**
400 Greece

18.6	47.0	19.2	73.6	34.5	-
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401- **University of Ioannina**
500 Greece

14.5	36.9	17.7	56.4	32.9	-
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401- **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**
500 Greece

26.7	39.0	16.3	45.8	-	-
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501- **National Technical University of Athens**
600 Greece

20.2	31.3	15.0	36.2	40.3	-
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601- **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**
800 Greece

22.6	36.6	15.0	29.5	33.6	-
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Requirements / procedure

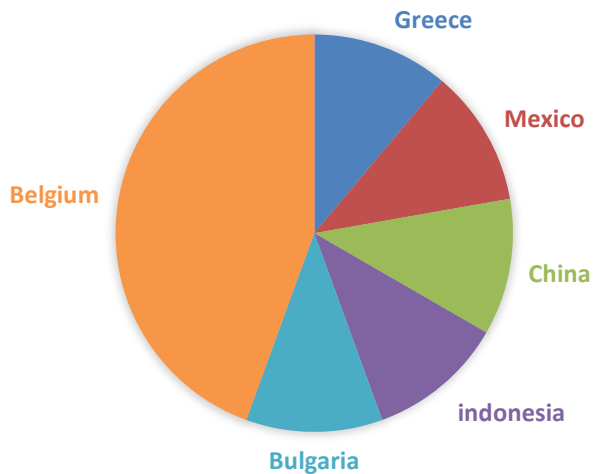
- To work in a hospital...
 - ✓ Certified medical physicist
 - ✓ Legalization of diplomas (long & expensive procedure)
 - ✓ At least one year of clinical training in radiology / or proof of experience
 - ✓ Language...(Dutch or French)
 - ✓ Application
 - ✓ In-site IQ tests

Companies

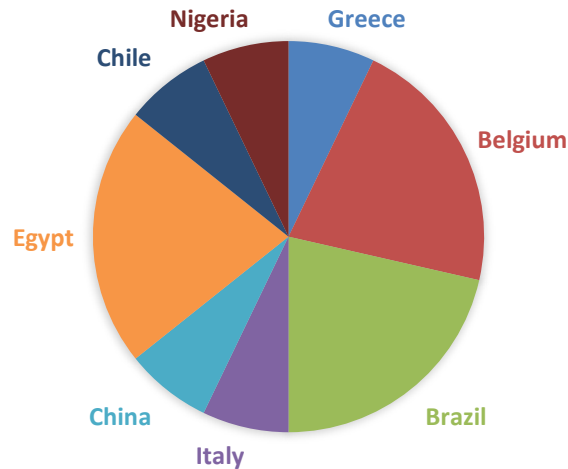
- QAELUM NV (dose tracking)
- AGFA Gevaert NV
- BARCO
- IBA dosimetry
- IMEC
- Materialise (3D printing)

University jobs

Researchers Medical Physics group



Researchers dental radiology



Medical Physicists in Europe

Harmonization of education, training and recognition requirements for Medical Physics experts in EU

- ✓ Will increase the work opportunities in the member states
 - ✓ Will make easier mobility within EU



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