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## **“A day for tasting your future career” – Elior helps young apprentices to build a career within the Group**

On 23 April 2009, Elior – a leading player in the European contracted foodservice and related services market – organised for the fourth year running a careers day for its apprentices, called “A day for tasting your future career”. Launched in 2006, this event is dedicated to information and discussion and brings together young apprentices coming to the end of their work-study contracts with a view to encouraging and helping them to take up a career within the Group.



The 2009 event saw a record participation level of 75% and gave the attendees following higher education courses an opportunity to talk to professionals from a number of different areas, including human resources, sustainable development and operations. At the same time they were presented with Elior's new recruitment campaign entitled "Elior and so much more".

The day-long event was divided into two parts. The first part comprised a presentation about Elior followed by group discussions on the skill sets that the trainees were able to develop during their apprenticeship. The second part entailed four themed workshops. The “Job opportunities” workshop enabled the apprentices to apply directly for positions via the recruitment officers present at the event, with over fifty applications handed in the previous year. The “Business sectors” workshop involved a presentation of Elior’s different businesses and job opportunities, and the “Sharing experiences” workshop comprised first-hand accounts by employees of their career paths within the Group. Lastly, a fun “Quiz” workshop gave participants the chance to win an iPod Touch.

Agnès Bureau-Mirat, the Human Resources Director of the Elior Group stated *“Having signed up to the French Apprenticeship Charter, Elior is highly committed to taking on and supporting apprentices following work-study schemes, which is clearly demonstrated through this event. In 2007/2008 we took on over 600 apprentices in France, who were partnered by 450 mentors, and we plan to increase the number of apprentices hired under such contracts to 1,000 by 2010.”*

In 2008, within the space of just three months over 30% of 20 year-old work-study graduates who applied for a post at the end of the “A day for tasting your future career” event had found a first job within the Group or were taken on under another work-study contract.

Elior also communicates about its career opportunities through trade fairs and ongoing relations with more than 70 vocational colleges via its network of 45 "Ambassadors".

## **About ELIOR**

Founded in 1991, Elior ranks third in the European contracted foodservice and related services market, holding leading positions in Contract Catering & Facilities Management and Concession Catering & Travel Retail. In 2008, the Group generated revenue of €3.5 billion. Each day, Elior's 68,000 employees serve 2.9 million guests at 13,900 restaurants and outlets in 14 countries. Elior is active in the Business & Industry, Education, Healthcare & Senior sectors, as well as travel (airports, railway stations and motorways), and leisure & culture (museums and exhibition centres). As a socially responsible enterprise, Elior signed up to the United Nations Global Compact in 2004. The Group takes special care to provide nutritionally balanced meals to guests, limit the environmental impact of its operations and purchases, and support employee integration and training. For more information please visit [www.elior.com](http://www.elior.com)

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