

## **2017 alumni survey: graduates well prepared for a legal career**

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The China-EU School of Law still prepares students very well for their professional lives after university. This is suggested by the 2017 alumni survey. Over 91 percent of the class of 2017 were employed or in further study within three months after graduation. The majority of 87 percent started to work, while 4 percent decided to pursue PhD studies or further master's studies abroad. These figures are in line with the employment statistics of previous years. In 2016, 96 percent of the China-EU School of Law's graduates immediately found a job or decided to further study.

In 2017, almost half of the over 70 graduates took up a position in a law firm: 48 percent signed their first contract there. The other graduates also joined legal professions: 16 percent were employed in courts or procuratorate offices, 11 percent work as jurists for the Chinese government now, 10 percent joined state-owned enterprises. The 4 percent who continued their studies enrolled as PhD candidates at the China-EU School of Law and Maastricht University or as a master's student at Michigan State University.

The China-EU School of Law conducts this alumni survey annually to determine graduates' employability. In 2017, 71 graduates from the master's and PhD programmes were interviewed, 48 women and 23 men, all of them Chinese. 59 had completed the law school's flagship programme, the three-year dual master's degree programme, which combines a Master of European and International Law with a Master of Chinese Law. 9 completed the Master of European and International Law and 1 the Chinese Law as a stand-alone programme. 2 were awarded a PhD in Law.