

The PIU-scheme

Long-term mobility as an integral part of IVET in Denmark

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Some facts...

App. 1600 VET-learners per year

Only placements in enterprises (no school-stays)

Average length of placement:
between 6 and 7 months

No geographical restrictions

Financed by Danish employers
through the Employers'
Reimbursement Scheme

Since 1992

Stays abroad recognised as an
integral part of Danish
apprenticeships

Why?

Originally (1992) set up to give Danish VET-learners the possibility to find placement opportunities also outside of Denmark;

Now seen as an important pedagogical tool in IVET

Users of the PIU-scheme

VET-learners without an apprenticeship contract: typically spend a period abroad, which is later recognised as part of a VET-qualification. Return to Denmark and find an enterprise in order to conclude an apprenticeship contract for the remaining time of their IVET-trajectory;

VET-learners with an apprenticeship contract: typically sent out by their enterprises to acquire international experience and learning that is not readily available at home.

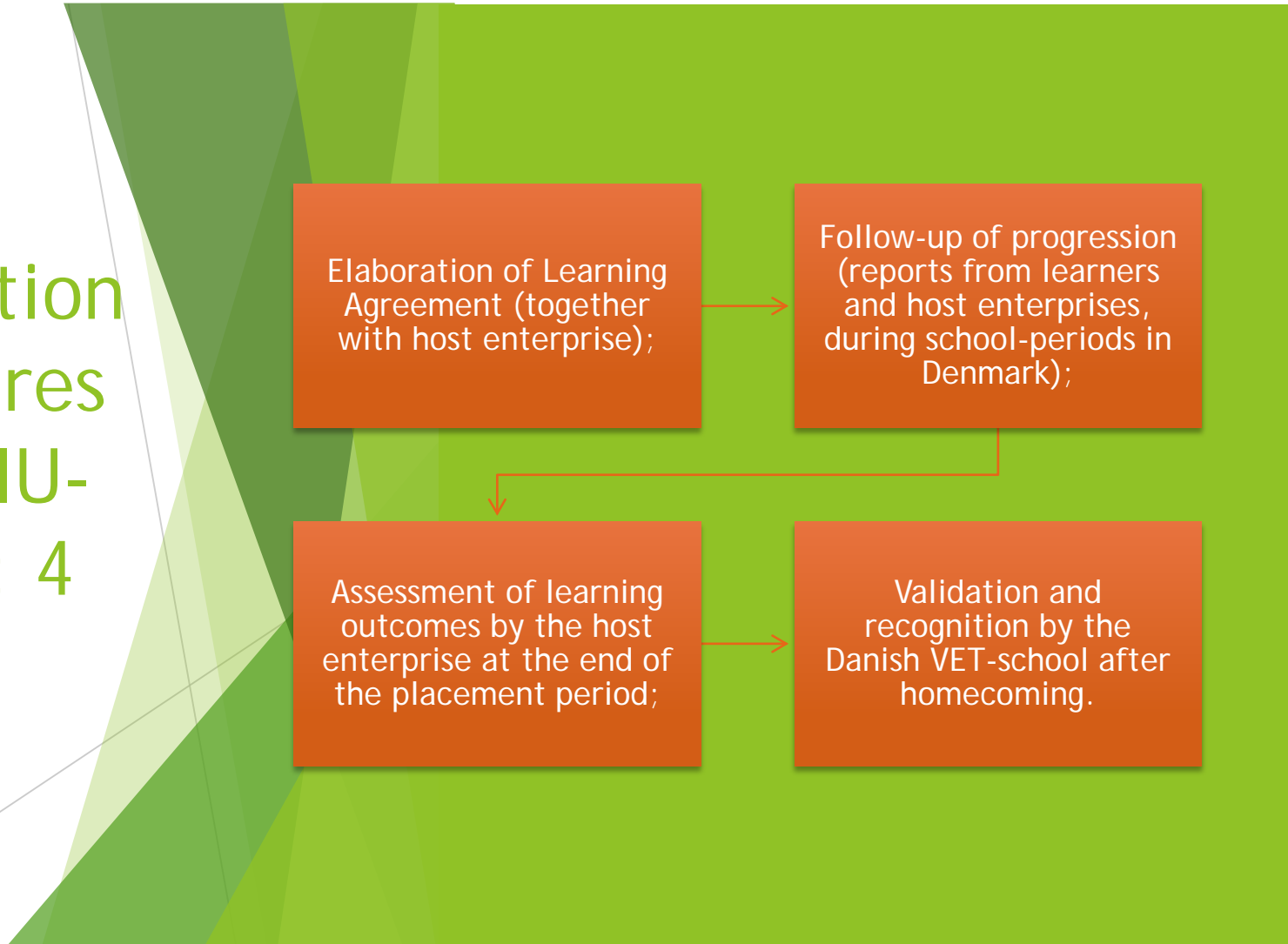
Recognition procedures in the PIU-scheme: 4 steps

Elaboration of Learning Agreement (together with host enterprise);

Follow-up of progression (reports from learners and host enterprises, during school-periods in Denmark);

Assessment of learning outcomes by the host enterprise at the end of the placement period;

Validation and recognition by the Danish VET-school after homecoming.



Challenges:

Finding paid placement opportunities abroad for Danish IVET-learners;

Quality assurance of stays abroad (how to maximise the learning potential)

Recruiting participants

Outcomes:

