Francq Colors, Belgium

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I did my post-graduation internship in a marketing and advertising company. The internship took place in Belgium where the level of safety measures was high for stopping the Global pandemic. After the obligatory two weeks of quarantine due to traveling, I went to the *Francq Colors* office to get all the logins to the system to work from home. The first week was going fast because there were interesting tasks which were new for me. So that way I could learn something new. The communication between the mentor and me was very clear. The holiday season was coming up, so it got even busy and besides desk work, one of the tasks became to assist the photoshoots. This part of the internship was a bit tricky because the transport to the location was not the best and the days were long. I felt a bit excluded because when there was more than one person present, they switched to Dutch-speaking and I couldn't follow what is going on or help spontaneously.

However, I feel that the pandemic didn't allow to improve so much at this work sphere because there were repeating tasks and as I understand in non-pandemic times there are more challenging tasks which usually need more explanation and follow up by the supervisor. At this time it was more difficult because of remote work.

Also, it was sad that a lot of leisure opportunities or guided tours were cancelled so I didn't meet people from other countries or find new friends.