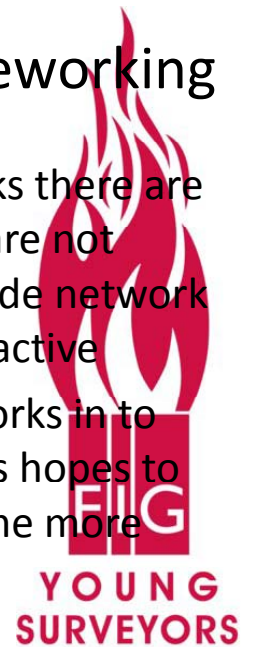## Group 3 & 4 Softskills - networking

- In almost all countries there are some form of networking or interaction in place except from Slovenia where it is apparently hard to make the students get involved in activities.
- The easiest way for students to get in contact with companies is if there is a student network in place, there is now one being set up in Slovenia

Group 3 & 4 Softskills – Neworking

- When it comes to existing networks there are two types, passive networks that are not seeking communication with outside network and active networks that are interactive
- The idea is to develop these networks in to active ones as the Young Surveyors hopes to be the platform for them to become more aware of these possibilities

Group 3 & 4 Softskills – Neworking

- Importance of networking between universities but this should be divided in to two levels:
1. Staff of universities
2. Students of the universities
- There are already existing connections between universities for staff but it mainly personally connections and not a network

Group 3 & 4 Softskills – Neworking

How to do this, as Kate have already been promoting:

- Establishment of electronical networks, e.g. face book, msn, twitter, youtoube, Yahoogroups…

Group 3 & 4 Softskills – Bologna

- Despite the fact that there is a possibility to do parts of the education at foreign universities there is that many students that take this chance
- But the experience from those who do is that they will have an incredible personal development if they do dare and go ahead
- How can they be encouraged?

Group 3 & 4 Softskills – Bologna

- An experience is that when exchange is being made with universities outside of Europe is that credit transfer is still very difficult
- Many courses e.g. property law is country specific and can not be studied abroad

Group 3 & 4 Softskills – Buisness contacts

How do students find practical training, thesis and their first job?
- CLGE is trying to set up a web platform
- For practical training there is a platform called LEONARDO
- In the UK they are having industrial evenings where the industry is recruting students
- In Sweden there are work fairs at universities for companies to come and present themselves

Group 3 & 4 Softskills - Mentoring

- All agree that mentoring is a very important part of integration between generations, it is for your personal development important to find mentors in each part of your life.
- But a mentors should be trained, a mentor should not solve the problem anly be there as a support mort the mentee