

## Things to consider before moving from Greece to Germany!

I was not sure if I should write this article as it is about the two countries which influenced my life and will continue to play the major role in it. It's also an article of defining what "πατρίδα" or home means to each one and in this case especially for me.

Growing up in Germany and up to this day benefiting from the fact to have had the chance to study and work there is something I will never forget and will be thankful for.

Except of studying and working I had the chance to learn from a young age what multicultural solidarity outside of one's home country means. I remember especially a warm hearted Turkish family which accommodated me after primary school as both of my parents were working hard in order to allow me to dream of a better life.

Except of that, I had the chance to grow up with locals who never gave me the feeling of being a foreigner, the opposite happened, I can truly say that I have several lifetime German sisters and brothers from that time.

These two things shall draw a picture of the Germany I grew up. Some say it's not anymore like this. It always depends. Despite the fact that I had a good life in Germany I decided to move to Greece and try my luck as an entrepreneur! The choice of residence had no logical reason, just truly the result of being influenced from an early age that my home country is Greece and there I belong to.

Since then, a lot of things happened – I founded my own company supporting high professionals from Greece but also other countries to find career opportunities in Germany but also other countries.

A lot of candidates ask me in a first meeting, if they will find their joy in Germany, as they have heard a lot of pros and cons.

Here are my thoughts about the fact if a Greek or other international, especially from the Mediterranean area can find their joy in Germany:

1. Whoever is happy in an environment where values like diligence, exactingness, stability, discipline, sense of order and reliability are strongly in society, will find his home in Germany

2. Whoever wants to work for top companies (most of them global leaders), but is ready to make sacrifices, e.g. no Mediterranean quality of life will find his joy
  
3. Whoever prefers: „Work hard play hard“, there are thousands of Greeks who prefer to work in Germany and have the economic flexibility to visit Greece several times a year due to the daily flight connections

Many more things to say, I will stop here! At the end of the day every case is individual.

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