YOUR CHECKLIST FOR STICKS & STONES

YOUR HOMEWORK (BEFORE YOU VISIT US)

- [ ] **Favorites:** Which 3–5 companies are absolute must-visits for you? Mark them on the event map and find out about the positions they have on offer.
- [ ] **The "Quick Pitch":** Prepare two sentences about yourself—who are you, what are you studying or doing, and what are you looking for (an internship, a thesis project, or a direct entry-level position)?
- [ ] **Document Check:** It's a good idea to bring your application materials along, such as your CV, a cover letter, or a professional profile flyer. You might also want to have your LinkedIn profile or other similar professional social media accounts ready to share. Some companies offer CV checks; these are highlighted separately on the event map.
- [ ] **Registration:** For most highlights, no registration is required—just drop by! (First come, first served.)
  Open access: Stage program, massages, and tattoo sessions.
- [ ] **Coaching Sessions (on-site registration):** Slots are allocated daily in two rounds: 10:15 AM (for morning appointments) and 1:30 PM (for afternoon appointments).
- [ ] **The STICKS & STONES Talent Pool:** Your shortcut to the next step in your career—no need for hundreds of individual applications. Simply answer 10 questions about your job preferences in just a few minutes, link your CV, and get discovered by exciting employers. They may reach out via email to invite you for an interview—whether on-site, via video call, or directly at their company. You can sign up either by selecting the "job seeker" ticket option on Eventbrite or by using the form on our website.

ARRIVAL & ORGANIZATION

Getting Here (Stress-Free & Affordable) 🚄

- Take advantage of our DB offer: Once you purchase your event ticket, you'll receive an exclusive link in your confirmation email for a discounted Deutsche Bahn (DB) event ticket. Skip the hassle of searching for parking—travel by train and arrive relaxed!
- Destination: Palladium (Schanzenstraße 40, 51063 Cologne-Mülheim).

How to Find Us 🗺️

The Palladium is excellently connected to public transport:

- Bus: Take lines 159, 250, 260, or 434 to "Wiener Platz," then transfer to bus 151, 152, or 153, getting off at "Keupstraße" (from there, it's about a 10-minute walk).
- S-Bahn (Commuter Train): Travel to "Köln-Mülheim" station, then continue by bus 151, 152, or 153 to "Keupstraße" (approx. 10-minute walk).
- Tram: Take line 4 to "Keupstraße," then continue by bus 150 or take a 13-minute walk.

On-Site Check-In 🎒

- Have your ticket ready: Ideally, keep it digital on your smartphone to save paper.
- Cloakroom: A cloakroom is available for a fee of €2. It's easier to network without a heavy jacket or backpack!

A Quick Reminder for the Day 💡

- Arrive 15–20 minutes early for admission and the cloakroom so you can make it to your sessions or presentations on time.
- Refreshments: Feel free to bring a water bottle (no glass containers, please!) and a small snack—stay hydrated so you can keep your focus sharp right up until your final conversation! Dress code: There is no dress code at SXS—come as you are and wear whatever makes you feel comfortable!
- Photography: Only take photos on-site if everyone in the shot has given their consent. 📸

THE PERFECT APPEARANCE

Getting started: A simple "Hello, I'm interested in area X. Do you have any openings?" is a great icebreaker.

Rather than just giving answers, ask:

- "What does your typical onboarding process look like?"
- "Which skills are currently in high demand within your team?"
- "How would you describe your company culture in three words?"

Take notes: After the conversation, note the person's name and contact details, and summarise your discussion – this will help with your cover letter!

CONCLUSION & FOLLOW-UP

Secure contact details: Ask for a business card or whether you can connect on LinkedIn.

Next steps: "By when can I expect to hear back?" or "To whom should I send my application materials directly?"

Networking: Send a brief message via LinkedIn: "Hi [Name], thanks for the great conversation today at STICKS & STONES. I found your insights on... particularly interesting."