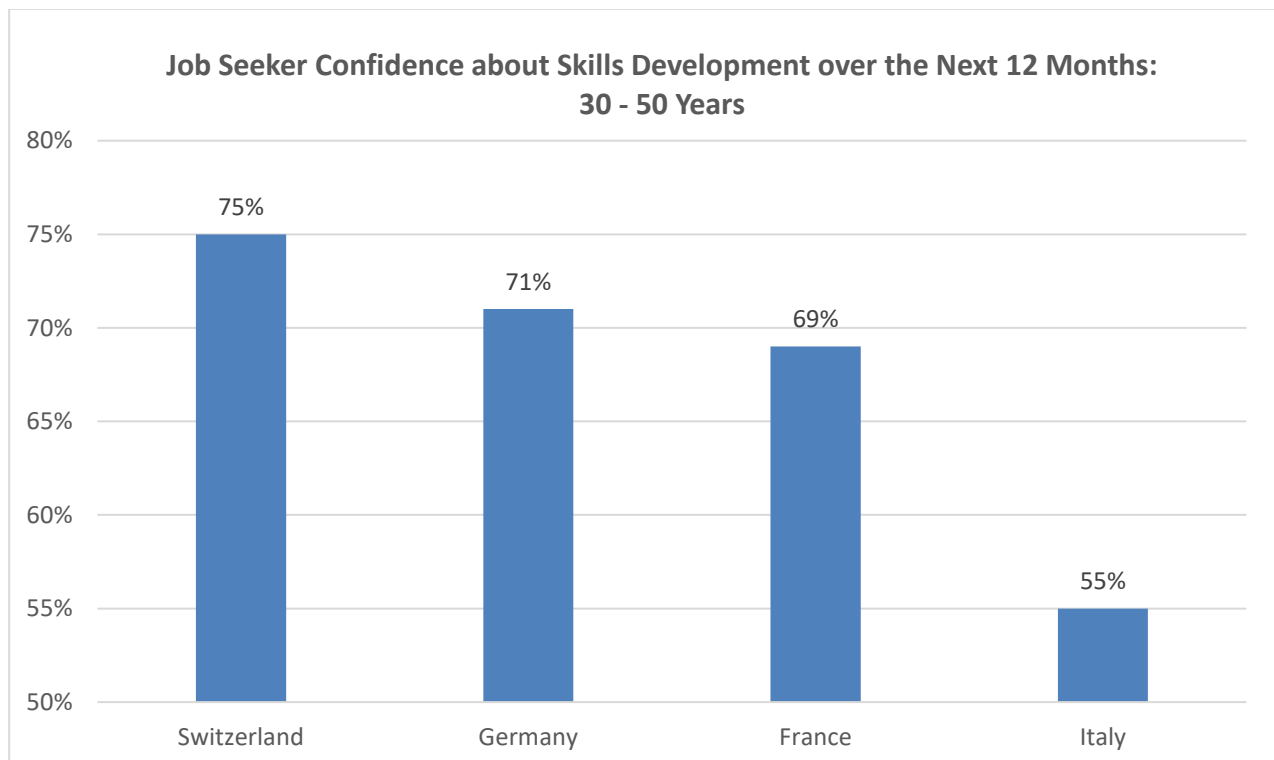


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Swiss employees are most adaptive: Life-long learning pays off

Zurich, 19 April 2017. According to the PageGroup Confidence Index (Q1 2017), three quarters of all Swiss-based job candidates (72%) expected to further develop their skills over the next 12 months. This is the highest level since the index commenced at the end of 2014. Confidence levels were especially high in the German speaking region - 77% vs 71% in Swiss Romande.

For largest group in the workforce (30-50 year olds), the figure was 75% - higher than its neighbours Germany (71%), France (69%) and Italy (55%).



50 plus candidates based in Switzerland also topped the study. More than half (58%) of them expected to further develop their skills over the next 12 months. 50 plus job seekers in the German speaking region were significantly more confident about adapting their skills – 63% compared with 56% in the Swiss Romande.

According to Xavier Chauville, Executive Director, Page Personnel, *“The transformation of the Swiss economy, including the increasing complexity of its industries, is intensifying the life-long learning approach in Switzerland which is already supported by the education system. Hence, we strongly encourage our candidates to take every opportunity from their daily challenges to develop their skills as well as to undertake further education and on-the-job training whether formal or informal”.*

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PageGroup is a worldwide leader in specialist recruitment which is listed on the London Stock Exchange (Stock Symbol: PAGE). Founded in 1976, it has been active in Switzerland since 2001 and operates through three key brands: Page Executive (executive search), Michael Page (middle to senior management) and Page Personnel (graduate and skilled employees). PageGroup has 152 offices worldwide including its' three Swiss offices in Zurich, Geneva and Lausanne.

PageGroup Confidence Index

The Page Personnel Confidence Index is a unique instrument to measure the confidence of job seekers. The results are based on an ongoing study and are reported quarterly on a sample of at least 400 candidates of PageGroup in Switzerland and a minimum of 13,000 candidates throughout mainland Europe including Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Spain, Poland the Netherlands, Sweden and Belgium. Commencing in July 2014, the study is conducted online and measures the motivations for changing jobs, the confidence of job seekers to find a new job and the expectations about the duration of the job search. It also gives an idea of the economic development in Switzerland.

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