**Choose and compare: Choice aid (T- model)**

You can use this decision aid (the T-model) when making a choice between two or more possibilities. Compare, for example, two different jobs, directions or companies with each other or two bachelor’s or master's programmes.

**Explanation**
Suppose you want to compare two study programmes. You start by listing all the advantages and disadvantages of the first programme and give a score to how important you feel that advantage or disadvantage is. Score from 1-10. You then do the same for the second programme.

Then add up all the points from the positive column of the first possibility, then from the negative column. Then subtract the result of the negatives from the positives. The result is a final mark. Do the same with the columns of the second possibility. You can then compare these two final figures. The figures can be high, low, even below zero.

The difference between these two figures tells you which of the two possibilities you like more. But more importantly, you should have thought very carefully about all the aspects of the possibilities, both the positive and the negative aspects. And also that you have thought about how important certain arguments actually are. So, in general, it provides a lot of clarity.

**T-model 1:**

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**T-model 2:**

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