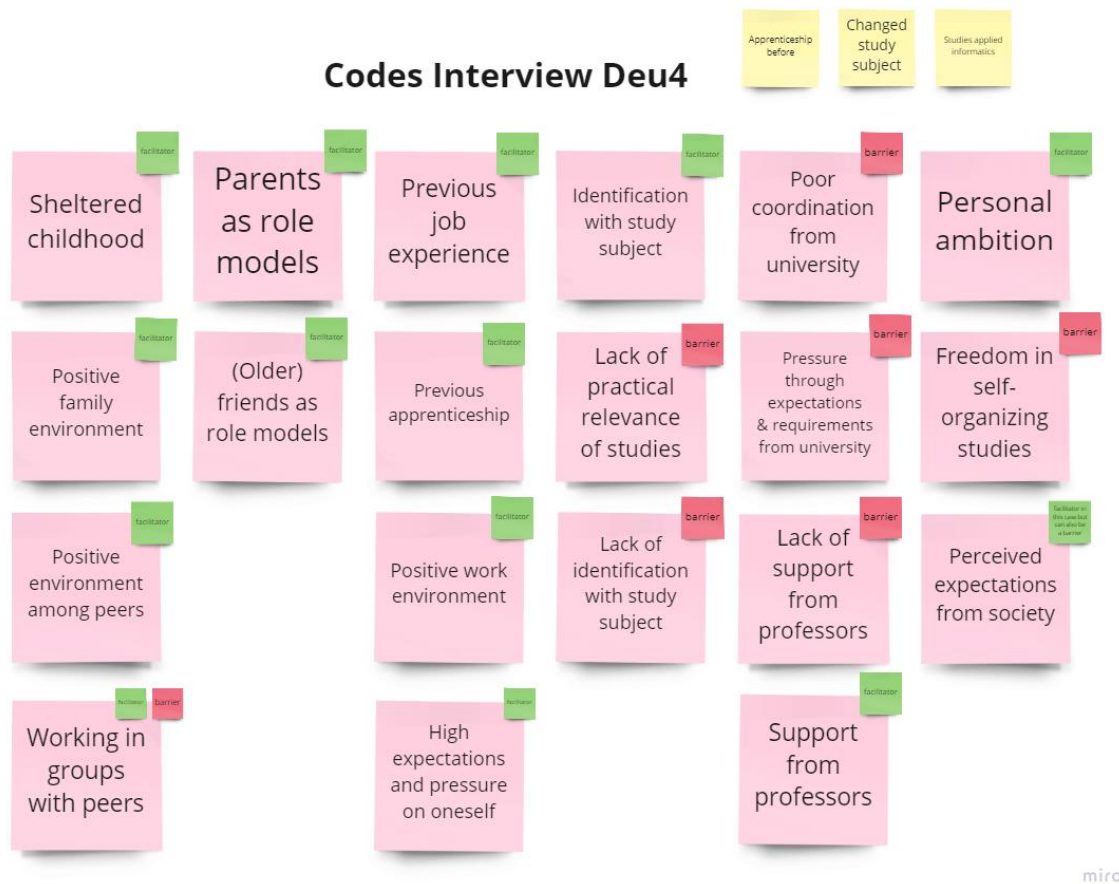


## Appendices

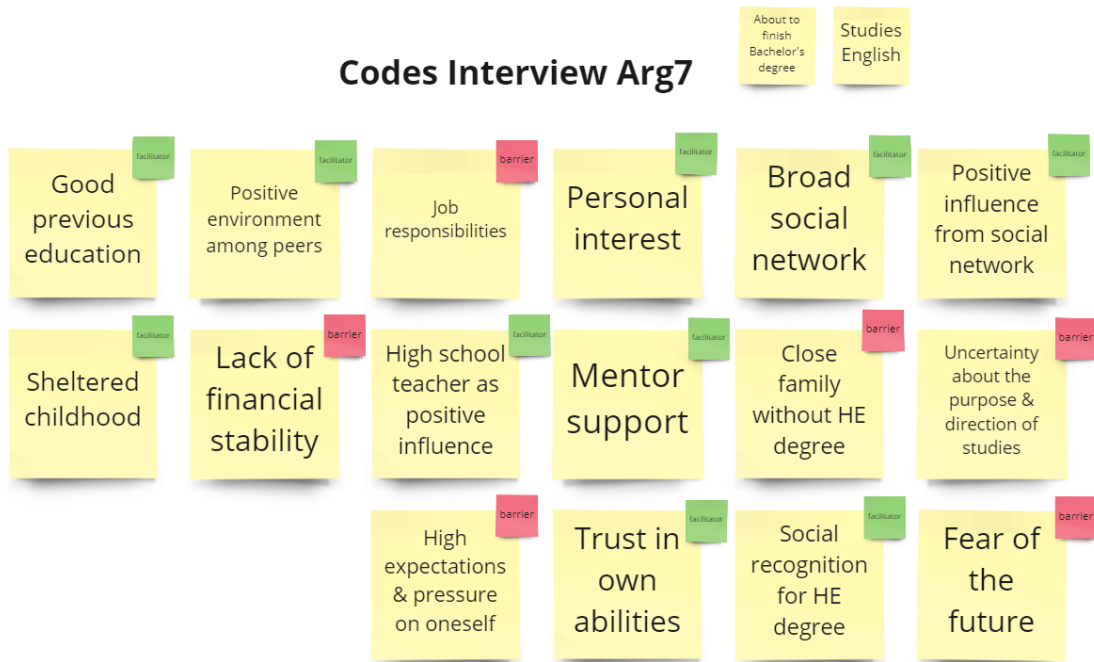
### Appendix 1: Semi-structured interview schedule

Focus of interview	Interview questions
Introductory questions about experiences growing up, including formative experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please tell me about your experiences growing up, your childhood. How did you grow up, with whom, where, under what conditions?</li> <li>• What experiences have had a lasting impact on you?</li> </ul>
Current study experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are you studying your specific subject?</li> <li>• Are you happy with your choice of subject? Why?</li> <li>• Have you ever thought of changing your subject or dropping out from higher education? (Or have you changed subjects before?) Tell me a bit more about your thoughts in relation to the subject.</li> </ul>
Intentions upon graduation; factors impacting on decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are you planning on doing once you finish university?</li> <li>• Why this particular choice?</li> <li>• Who has influenced your choice?</li> <li>• What are you doing currently to prepare for this, to achieve your aims?</li> <li>• If 'don't know': What are you doing in order to come to a decision?</li> </ul>
General life goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally speaking, what are your goals in life? What do you want to achieve?</li> <li>• Why is this important to you?</li> </ul>
Transition experience secondary school-to-higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you think back to your experience of leaving school and moving onto university, what difficulties did you face?</li> <li>• When you think back to your experience of leaving school and moving onto university, what worked to your advantage?</li> <li>• In your studies, what have you found difficult? What has hindered your success?</li> <li>• In your studies, what have you found easy? What has helped your success?</li> <li>• Have there been any turning points during your studies, that have changed you way of thinking or behaving? These could be positive or negative.</li> </ul>
Anticipated transition experience higher education-to-work (or beyond)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you expect to happen when you graduate from university?</li> <li>• What do you think will it be like?</li> <li>• When thinking about leaving university, what difficulties do you anticipate in moving onto the next stage of your life?</li> <li>• When thinking about leaving university, is there anything that can work to your advantage in moving onto the next stage of your life?</li> </ul>
Role of education (to success) in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your opinion about the role of education in life?</li> <li>• How important is education to success in life?</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2: Codes derived from three sample interviews (one per country examined)

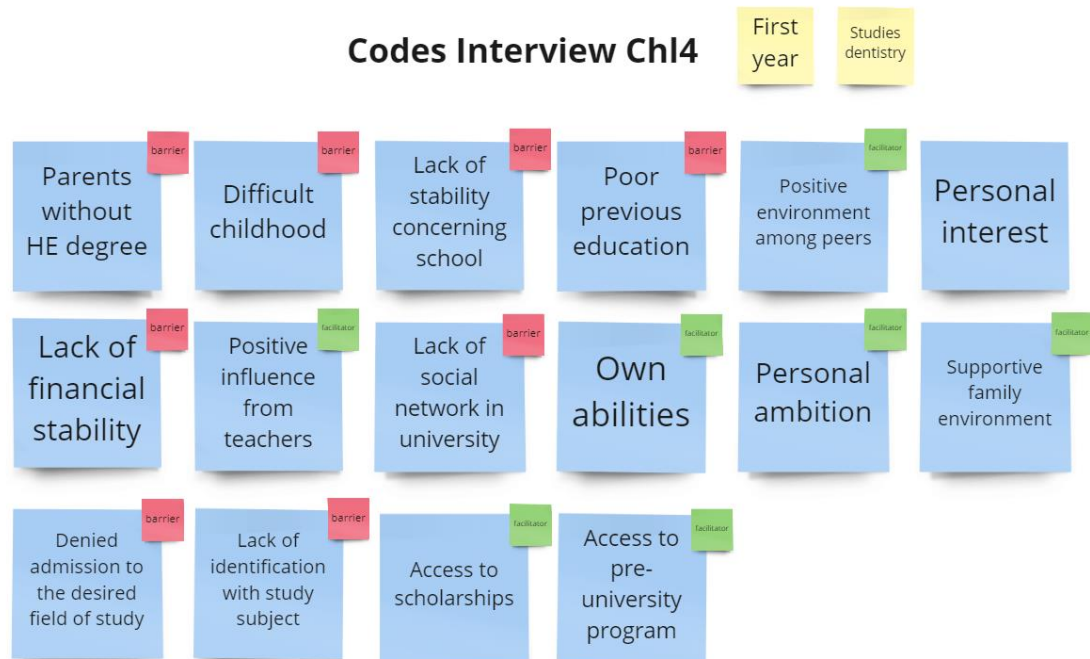


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