Welcome back to ***The Shortlist*** from **[Belvedere Recruitment]**.

Over the last five editions, we've explored some uncomfortable truths shaping the world of work:

More applicants don't solve talent shortages.

The perfect candidate is disappearing.

Nobody trusts job descriptions anymore.

AI doesn't create competitive advantage on its own.

And increasingly, confidence is becoming more valuable than certainty.

This week, we're looking at something sitting quietly underneath all of them.

Indecisions.

Because despite all the headlines about AI, workforce transformation and the future of work, one reality keeps showing up in conversations with candidates, hiring leaders and executives across Poland and CEE:

People know more than ever, yet many feel less certain than ever.

Think about it.

Never in history has career advice been more accessible.

Need interview tips?

Thousands of videos.

Need leadership guidance?

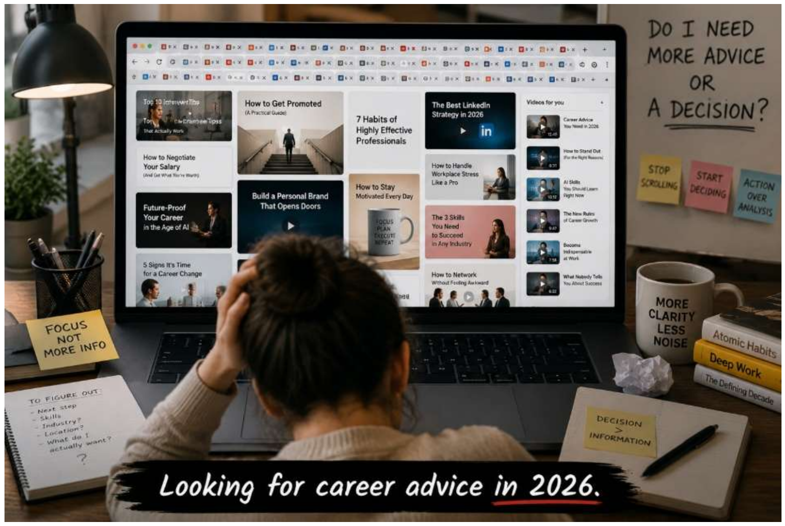
Hundreds of podcasts.

Need salary negotiation advice?

Millions of articles.

Need AI career strategies?

Open LinkedIn, and you'll find twenty experts explaining exactly what you should do before lunch.



And yet something strange is happening.

The more advice available, the harder it is for many people to make decisions.

Candidates hesitate.

Managers hesitate.

Leaders hesitate.

Businesses hesitate.

Everyone is consuming information.

Fewer people are acting on it.

And that's becoming a problem.

Because information has never been a scarce resource.

Attention is.
Judgement is.
Conviction is.

The professionals making the biggest moves right now aren't necessarily the people consuming the most content.

They're the people willing to make decisions before they have perfect certainty.

Scott Galloway often talks about careers as assets.

Assets that require continual investment.

Continual adaptation.

Continual renewal.

What's interesting is that many professionals understand this intellectually.

But still wait.

Wait for the market to improve.
Wait for confidence to appear.

Wait for the perfect opportunity.
Wait for certainty.

The problem?

Certainty rarely arrives first.

Action usually comes first.

Confidence follows later.

That's true for careers.

It's also true for businesses.

We see exactly the same behaviour inside organisations.

Leadership teams have access to more workforce intelligence than ever.

More market data.

More technology.

More consultants.

More benchmarks.

More dashboards.

Yet many still struggle with the same questions.

Should we hire?

Should we pause?

Should we invest?

Should we automate?

Should we restructure?

Should we grow?

Should we wait?

Information is abundant.

Judgement remains scarce.

And perhaps that's why one of the most valuable skills in the AI era isn't technical expertise.

It's decision-making.

The ability to filter noise.

Identify the signal.

And move before every variable is known.

Because waiting for perfect information often becomes a sophisticated form of procrastination.

And in fast-moving markets, standing still carries its own risk.

The World Economic Forum predicts nearly 40% of core workplace skills will change within the next five years.

LinkedIn continues to report that learning agility and adaptability are becoming critical differentiators.

Not because expertise matters less.

But because expertise alone is no longer enough.

The market is rewarding people who can learn.

Unlearn.

Relearn.

And decide.

We see this every day across banking, fintech, technology and shared services organisations throughout Poland and CEE.

The strongest candidates are not necessarily the smartest.

They're often the clearest.
The strongest leaders are not necessarily the most informed.

They're often the most decisive.

The strongest organisations are not necessarily the most innovative.

They're often the most aligned.

And perhaps that's the biggest lesson of all.

Success rarely comes from knowing everything.

It comes from knowing what matters enough to act on.

A few things we're seeing heavily across Poland and CEE right now:

- a greater demand for adaptability over narrow specialisation
- increased focus on learning velocity rather than static experience
- stronger emphasis on judgment and commercial awareness
- leadership teams simplifying decision-making processes
- professionals investing more heavily in transferable skills
- organisations prioritising agility over rigid planning

And perhaps the biggest shift?

People are beginning to realise that careers are not built by collecting information.
They're built by making decisions.

Some good.

Some bad.

Most imperfect.

But almost all are more valuable than standing still.

So here's the question worth asking this week:
If you stopped consuming career advice for the next 30 days, what decision would you finally make?

This is Issue #6 of *The Shortlist.*

And if the market is teaching us anything right now, it's this:

Information is everywhere.
Attention is limited.
Conviction is rare.
And the people who move forward are usually the ones willing to act before everything feels certain.

If this resonated, follow Belvedere and share it with someone navigating hiring, scaling or workforce transformation right now.

You probably already know who that person is.

And if there's a hiring contradiction, market trend or leadership challenge you'd like us to unpack in future editions, let us know in the comments.

We genuinely read every message.

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