## From the Private Sector to a Cantonal Administration

In her leisure time, Anna Doberer enjoys leading tours for the Swiss Alpine Club. The amateur mountain climber also has a few professional peaks to surmount: her job is to ensure the water supply in Schwyz for the next 25 years. As a department head in the Schwyz cantonal administration, she currently has more say and social influence than she had working at an SME. She gets enormous pleasure from leading her own team: conducting job interviews, drawing up financial plans, managing negotiations, setting goals and evaluating perspectives with her colleagues. The skills she acquired during the MAS MTEC degree programme – expertise in employee management, negotiation techniques and finance – have proven to be a great asset.

After my five-year MSc programme at ETH Zurich, I felt extremely knowledgeable in the field of the natural sciences. At the same time, I desired to perform my management role professionally instead of "just by common sense" – so I was keen on learning business management skills. During the MAS MTEC programme, I got to know people from various disciplines and companies, providing me with valuable insights. It was fascinating to see how different firms function and how they are structured. I had a lot of fun with my classmates – even when we had to put our heads to-

gether to perform the occasional dry task. We learned how to respond rapidly to new situations, deal with new fields, and work in teams of people thrown together quite randomly.

The MAS MTEC programme gives participants ideal qualifications for attaining a management position in their field. Those who already have a few years of professional or managerial experience behind them have a clear advantage, as they will be better equipped to apply the theory in practice.

