

Internship

Seizing policy & governance opportunities to deliver healthy freshwater and marine ecosystems in Europe

OUR ORGANISATION

ACTeon is a French-based human size (20 staff) research and consultancy company active in the field of ecological and climate transition in Europe. It is specialised in the “soft” components of environmental management and policy, i.e. social values & perceptions, economics including economic values of ecosystem’s services, incentives (knowledge, processes, economic instruments) to steer change in behaviour, prospective and policy (*ex-ante* and *ex-post*) evaluation, governance & institutions, and mediation & communication. ACTeon is providing support to policy development, implementation and evaluation at different scales (from local to European) in the field of marine resources, water, biodiversity, climate change and adaptation, agriculture and the environment, renewable energy, etc. The geographic focus of its activities includes France, Europe, the Mediterranean Sea and the Caucasus regions. For more information: www.acteon-environment.eu

WHICH CONTEXT FOR YOUR INTERNSHIP?

ACTeon is looking for an **intern** to contribute to the development and implementation of its research and consultancy projects focusing on the setting up of an **European policy framework** that supports the societal transition Europe requires to deliver a healthy, productive, resilient and sustainable ocean.

The internship will build on, and contribute to, several key projects and initiatives (e.g. A-aagora <https://a-aagora.eu/>, EcoDalli <https://ecodalli.eu/>, CrossGov: <https://crossgov.eu/>) focusing on:

- The search for innovative (technical and non-technical) solutions that can improve the health and resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems – with particular interest in **nature-based solutions**;
- The identification of **leverages** that can up-scale the application of these solutions;
- Adaptations in the implementation of policies to enhance **policy coherence** and deliver better outcomes in terms of (marine) biodiversity protection and resilience;
- The assessment of **environmental, social and economic impacts** of the upscaling of solutions and policy changes;
- The development of **capacity-building tutorials and training** for public and private sector professionals involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of EU policies

WHAT WILL YOU DO DURING YOUR INTERNSHIP?

As intern, you will contribute to the life and activities of the above-mentioned projects, working **closely with Acteon staff** and project coordinators as well as **projects’ partners** from a wide range of EU countries.

The **exact focus of your internship** in terms of tasks & assignments will be **specified during the application process** through iterative exchanges, then consolidated during the preparation phase of your internship. This ensures the internship accounts for the objectives and activities of ongoing projects, as well as for your areas of interest, skills and competencies.

Your internship will provide you opportunities to contribute to:

- Identifying **priority (research & policy) questions** and relevant conceptual frameworks for addressing them
- Reviewing the scientific and grey **literature** on relevant policy & societal issues, challenges & solutions
- **Collecting and analysing** data and information from different sources, including via (semi-structured/structured) **interviews** with researchers and stakeholders associated to projects or beyond
- **Presenting results** of your work via notes, reports and briefs as well as during oral presentations in meetings and workshops
- Supporting the **organization and facilitation of (interactive) workshops and trainings** for different target groups in particular stakeholders, decision makers and students
- Supporting **project's coordination and management**, including the organization of partners' meetings and contributions to communication activities and project's deliverables

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- **B.Sc. or M.Sc. student** in marine ecosystem management, political science or social/economic science with an environmental/ocean perspective
- **Skills and competencies, or appetite** to discover and apply skills and competencies, relevant to the projects and **activities carried out at ACTeon**, from developing and applying (analytical) frameworks to supporting the organization of workshops and trainings for different target audiences
- **Proactive with intellectual curiosity**, able to work **autonomously** with a strong **team & collective spirit**
- **Committed** to ecological and climate transitions in general, and to ocean health in particular
- Excellent **English (written and oral)** communication skills. Proficiency in French is an advantage.

You need to be currently **enrolled** in a University, engineering, institute or vocational school degree with the possibility to do a **practical internship** (e.g. *stage de césure* in French) or **research/thesis internship** as part of your studies.

WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE & WORKING ARRANGEMENTS?

The internship takes place at ACTeon's Colmar office (France – 30 minutes by public transport from Strasbourg or Basel), with home working being a regular practice. Travel (to attend meetings, carry out interviews or contribute to workshops/events) can be expected. The intern will receive a regular internship monthly allowance as defined by French law. The internship duration and starting date is negotiable: **minimum 5-6 month period** or two consecutive internship periods of 5-6 months each (e.g. practical then research internship), **starting (ideally) during the last semester of 2024**.

MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY?

Contact us for more information and clarification...

Or **directly send your application (CV and motivation letter** specifying the topics, issues and types of activities you are mostly interested in/would like to discover in priority) to:

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