Policy Internship opportunity

Climate Action Network (CAN)

CAN Europe, Europe’s largest coalition working on climate and energy issues, is currently seeking a motivated and ambitious intern to join our team in Brussels. This internship will offer the successful candidate an opportunity to be at the center of the largest movement for global change that will affect people and the planet for centuries to come.

Required Educational/professional background

▪ Studies in political science, economics or energy transition
▪ Knowledge of EU institutions and processes, and in particular of climate, energy and fossil fuel related policies.
▪ Excellent level written and spoken English. Additional languages particularly German and French are considered an asset.

Preferred/desirable experience

▪ Experience of volunteering or working in NGOs.

Experience, skills and abilities

▪ Familiar with analysing EU policy documents. A solid research culture and structured working methods are an asset.
▪ Familiar with EU institutions, particularly the functioning of the European Parliament and the Council.
▪ Excellent writing skills.
▪ A proactive and inspired team player able to generate inspiring campaigning ideas and striking arguments.
▪ Ability to prioritise and manage diverse tasks, meeting deadlines while maintaining high quality work standards.
▪ Capacity to work in a network, including excellent internal and external communication skills.

Main scope of the traineeship:

▪ Interaction with decision makers from the EU institutions at key moments of political processes related to the European Green Deal
▪ Research and development of policy papers regarding energy infrastructure, in particular fossil gas and the economic recovery
▪ Participating and accompanying CAN Europe Policy Coordinators in their daily coordination and advocacy work
The position is based in the CAN Europe secretariat, which houses our team of 26 staff members, in Mundo-B, the sustainable NGO office space near the St. Boniface neighbourhood of Brussels.

This 6-months internship falls within the framework of the Brussels Region’s ‘convention d’immersion professionnelle (CIP)’, a financial compensation will be provided accordingly.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the CAN Europe team is tele-working until further notice.

To apply, please send your CV in English and a one-page cover letter to: internships@caneurope.org

In the one-page cover letter please elaborate what you think the EU’s energy infrastructure priorities should be in order to guarantee a sustainable recovery from the crises.

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 26th August 2020 at midnight**
Interviews will preferably take place between 1st & 4th September (remotely)
Expected start date: mid-September

Unfortunately due to the volume of applications we receive we can only contact applicants who have been shortlisted for the next stage of the recruitment process. We appreciate the time you have taken to inquire about internship opportunities with CAN Europe and thank you for your interest in our organization and CAN Europe’s mission.