

Internship

Strengthening ocean literacy to deliver a sustainable, productive and resilient ocean 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, consultancy and advocacy initiatives that aim at **strengthening ocean literacy and blue education in Europe** thereby delivering 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. EU4Ocean https://maritime-forum.ec.europa.eu/theme/ocean-literacy-and-blue-skills/ocean-literacy/eu4ocean-coalition_en or BlueLightS <https://blue-lights.eu/>) that: analyse the current state of play, challenges and bottlenecks of ocean literacy and blue education; identify mechanisms that can help internalizing ocean literacy & blue education in policies and practices of all actors; organise events, demonstrations and trainings; support collective actions & experimentations of solutions that strengthen ocean literacy and blue education. Priority topics relevant to these projects include:

- **Blue citizenship**, the connection between ocean literacy and (blue) democracy, and conditions for delivering inclusivity;
- Roles and responsibilities of the **private sector in strengthening ocean literacy**, e.g. via a renewed Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- Mechanisms that can **internalize the** (freshwater & marine) “**blue**” into countries’ **education systems**;
- Opportunities for **mainstreaming ocean literacy** in ocean-related policies and policy instruments.

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 OL/blue education topics & issues
- **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, trainings and events** for different target groups – from stakeholders to decision makers, from youth to the wider public
- 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, social/economic science, education for sustainable development, ocean science communication...
- **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 interactive events with a wide range of target audiences (see above)
- **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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