



Internship opportunities with ECVC

Every six months ECVC takes on two interns, one for translation and interpreting and one for coordination and general support. These internships go from September-February and March-August, with recruiting periods around May and December respectively. Applicants must have at least two active languages from French, Spanish and English and be a native speaker of at least one.

About the internship

Translation and interpreting internship: Typical responsibilities include translation and proofreading of internal and external documents such as press releases, position papers, advocacy letter as well as texts addressed to the movement, to political representatives and institutions, supporting internal and external communications including in multi-lingual calls and meetings. This internship also includes supporting staff with other tasks than translation such as support of the logistic and political work of the organisation.

Coordination and general support internship: The intern is asked to support the coordination work of the organisation: facilitating the organisation of meetings and conference calls, drafting documents, drafting regular thematic updates, communication work, etc. This internship includes also supporting staff with other tasks such as administrative, logistic, translation and organizational tasks.

Interns should have some experience or active interest in social movements related to farming and food production. Due to the vast and varied nature of the work of ECVC, the work for both interns involves a lot of topics and skills, with scope for individuals to pursue and explore areas of ECVC's work that is of personal interest to them, as well as learn and develop new skills and interests. Specific task division depends heavily on the calendar of events.

Why do an internship with ECVC?

Interns will get an opportunity to really get involved with the movement and engage with ideas such as food sovereignty, sustainable food production and fighting for the rights of peasants. Engaging and identifying

the values of ECVC is a key part of the dynamic of the team and the work that we do, and an internship is a great opportunity to develop this alongside professional skills and knowledge. Furthermore, when in Brussels, interns will have the opportunity to participate in the rich social and cultural events organized in and around the city by our members and network.

Interns will have the opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the work of the largest peasant grassroots movement in Europe (and around the world, through La Via Campesina). The work will include participating in regional meetings, contributing to our campaigns regarding GMOs, free trade agreements, the dairy crisis, the Common Agricultural Policy, access to land and many others. Through their involvement with ECVC, the intern will also get a practical look at the decision-making process in some of the main regional and international institutions such as the European Parliament, the EU Council, the European Commission, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the UN Human Rights Council. More importantly though, the trainee will engage with the activist base of ECVC and help improve the internal communication of the movement.

Is there financial compensation?

The intern will receive a monthly allowance. Under Belgian law, there are caps and criteria that dictate this allowance, depending on if the person is doing the internship as a formal part of their studies or not. We therefore have to assess the remuneration on a case by case basis, in order to comply with these legal restrictions. Please feel free to contact us via email if you wish to have information regarding your personal situation. We also encourage our interns to look for scholarships for their region, country or EU schemes, and many of our former interns have been able to secure grants or scholarships through their university or through other schemes.

Want to get involved or have more information?

Please contact us at internship@eurovia.org.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for one of those two internship positions for the period September-February, you should send your CV and a cover letter in one of our working languages (FR, ES, EN) by email to internship@eurovia.org by the 1st of May.

Otherwise if you are interested in applying for one of those two internship positions for the period March-August, you should send your CV and a cover letter in one of our working languages (FR, ES, EN) by email to internship@eurovia.org by the 1st of December.

When applying make sure you write for which kind of internship you are applying for (either translation and interpreting internship or coordination and general support internship).