



**Carlo Schmid Programme**  
for Internships in International Organisations and EU Institutions  
Placement Offer 2022/2023

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Reference No.:	UNECE-FAO
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Keyword:	Forestry communication and environmental affairs

**Section A: General Information**

Name of host organisation	The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Internship Coordinator and/or Focal Point	Florian Steierer
Supervisor	Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab
Organisation's website	<a href="https://unece.org/forests">https://unece.org/forests</a>

**Section B: Placement Offer**

Dates and duration of the internship	01.10.2022 - 31.03.2023, 6 months
Detailed description of the internship project(s); tasks assigned	<p>About the organisation: The Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is one of five regional commissions of the United Nations. It was founded in 1947 with the purpose of contributing to the region's economic and social development. Its mission is to promote pan-European economic integration and cooperation as well as sustainable development and economic prosperity among its 56 member States.</p> <p>About the section: The Joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section supports the implementation of Integrated Program of Work and serves as the Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) European Forestry Commission (EFC) and the UNECE Committee on Forestry and Forest Industries (COFFI), which cover work areas on (i) data, monitoring and assessment, (ii) policy dialogue and advice, (iii) communication and outreach and (iv) capacity-building. The overall goal of the Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2025 for COFFI and the EFC, their technical bodies (the joint UNECE/FAO Working Party for Forests Statistics, Economics and Management and the Teams of Specialists), is to support member States, international organizations and relevant stakeholders in their efforts to sustainably manage and use forests so that they provide products and ecosystem services to benefit society.</p> <p>About the internship The intern will be supporting the team in communication campaigns to promote work undertaken, such as – but not limited to – the International Day of Forests (21 March), forests and climate change, forests and fashion, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, Forest Landscape Restoration, green building and traditional and innovative Forest Product and Markets.</p> <p>The intern will help in disseminating information by designing campaigns, organising events, writing press releases, communicating via social media and producing flyers and other information material as required. Coordination and collaboration with the Team of Specialists on Forest Communication – the Forest Communicators'</p>



	<p>Network will be possible. Communicating effectively within and outside the forest sector is essential to promote sustainable forest management. Enhancing the efforts to reach out to relevant constituencies, to draw attention to the regional priorities in the forest sector and to increase the dissemination of the information and tools produced, at national, regional and global levels, will make an important contribution to the Agenda 2030.</p> <p>The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is set within a science-policy interface, which implies a stakeholder inclusion from the ministries of the UNECE member countries, as well as academia and research institutes and representatives from the private sector. The section is hosting two regular intergovernmental meetings per year, the joint session of the UNECE COFFI and the European Forestry Commission of FAO, which is a high-level meeting and the Working Party meeting on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, which is a meeting of a technical body. The intern will be able to apply skills in international affairs in supporting the organisation and attending these meetings. On these occasions the practical interaction between countries and the UNECE/FAO secretariat can be experienced. The DAAD fellow can learn how countries provide feedback on the work delivered by the secretariat and the guide/mandate their work.</p>
Training components and learning elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates will develop a high level of individual responsibility with a back-up of a team, they will receive support and guidance on their work and are encouraged to develop/or take on their own projects;</li> <li>• Guidance/training on writing press releases will be provided;</li> <li>• Exposure to international forest and environmental policies and politics; regional communication; and sustainable development within the framework of the Agenda 2030;</li> <li>• Develop knowledge of working procedures of international organizations and the UN Secretariat;</li> <li>• Cooperation with member States and with other organizations such as FAO, UNFF, Forest Europe etc.</li> </ul>
Participation in missions or training courses	<p>While the UNCE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section encourages that DAAD fellows attend meetings and conferences related to responsibilities at the duty station, participation to meetings held outside the duty station are subject to available resources. This may include missions to cities in the UNECE region. Website training may be possible.</p>

### **Section C: Required Qualifications**

Academic background at least	Master's student
Enrollment for the duration of the internship necessary?	No
Study Subjects	International relations, communication, forest science, environmental science, economics, social sciences, biology or another related field.
Language Skills	Good command of English. Ability to read, speak and/or write Russian and/or French would be an asset.
Computer literacy	Should be experienced in MS Office; photoshop, Drupal and/or video editing would be a plus.
Internship-related experiences	None required, although ideally would be familiar with working in international environment.
Additional skills/requirements	Must be a team worker with a willingness to change tasks and priorities as needed. Experience in organizing (international) meetings would be a plus.
Additional comments	Successful candidates must have been recently enrolled (within the past year). Geneva has a large and active intern community which organizes a number of events. It also has a high concentration of international organizations, enabling interns to share information, and compare experiences and working practices. Previous CSP interns have been successful in using this experience for employment in international fields and two former incumbents are working in the team.