

Internship proposition

Analysis of private funding for agroecology

Context

The current situation in Europe clearly indicates that major changes are needed to develop sustainable agricultural and food systems. In this respect, Agroecology (Wezel et al. 2009) is increasingly seen as an important pathway as it designs, develops and promotes the transition toward sustainable farming and food systems. Although a certain development of Agroecology and its different facets in Europe can be stated, it remains so far too limited to allow a successful transition to sustainable agriculture and food systems.

In this context, the H2020 Agroecology for Europe¹ (AE4EU) aims to contribute to Agroecology research and innovation development through different strategic objectives and major avenues to reach them. In this regard, the project will aim at mapping and analyse the local, regional and national state of art initiatives in different European countries, as well as analyse different national and regional policies for Agroecology and provide recommendations for future reinforcement and adaptation of funding schemes to enhance research, practice and innovation of Agroecology in Europe. Among those goals, **the project aims at exploring the contribution of foundations in supporting agroecology across Europe**. In the frame of the project AE4EU, this internship will aim **at understanding the intervention strategies for agroecology in Europe from private foundations**.

Internship goals

The internship will have three main goals:

- Surveying and analyzing funding mechanisms to agroecology projects by the private sector in Europe
- Conducting interviews with private foundations
- Drafting a final report and discussing results with partners and stakeholders
- Potential support in the preparation of (two) dedicated workshops on this issue.
- Optional: To carry out the work in the frame of a master thesis (6 months) – with a supervisor from the university of origin, but with support by Samuel Feret (AEEU), and somebody from ISARA, Lyon.

¹ www.ae4eu.eu

Skills required

- Fluency in English (written and spoken) and good working knowledge of French would be an advantage
- Analytical mindset, ability to carry out research and presents results
- Ability to write reports in a clear and concise form
- Familiarity with agriculture, food issues and with philanthropy
- Ability to conduct interviews with stakeholders
- Capacity to work autonomously
- Master level in relevant subjects: social/political sciences and/or business school

Condition of the internship

Supervisor: Samuel Féret (Agroecology Europe)

Host Institution: Agroecology Europe

Duration: 3 month full-time (6 months if master thesis internship)

Planned starting date: October/November 2022 (3 month internship) or January/February 2023 (if master thesis internship)

Requirements:

- currently enrolled as a student
- university internship with an internship contract between the university and Agroecology Europe, or master thesis contract
- Remote work only

To apply please send CV and motivation letter to Agroecology Europe (Kira Miskulnig: secretariat@agroecology-europe.org) and AE4EU (ae4eu@isara.fr) (with the reference *AE4EU internship* before the **15/10/2022**).

Reference

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