

CARLO SCHMID PROGRAMME
FOR INTERNSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND EU INSTITUTIONS
PLACEMENT OFFER 2012/2013

Reference No.: UNECE/FAO2, Genf – Forest Sector Policy

Name of host organisation	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
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Dates/duration	9 months, September 2012 – May 2013
Supervisor	Mr. Dominique Reeb, Deputy Chief, Forestry and Timber Section
Detailed description of the internship project(s); tasks assigned	<p>There is an opportunity to improve governance of the forest and timber sector in Europe, in particular by linking forest sector policy with policies for other sectors, including water, energy, and agriculture/land use. Other issues are an evaluation of the policy instruments in Europe and their use and the institutional framework.</p> <p>Specific tasks for the Carlo Schmid intern/fellow could include the following items, according to the profile and interests of the candidate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of information and analysis of mechanisms of governance in the forest sector with special reference to the lessons to be learnt from the transition process in the new EU countries; • Identify needs and gaps in the European forest institutional and legal framework in cooperation with Forest Europe (Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe) and the UN Forum on Forests; • Compare forest sector governance and institutions with those of other sectors, drawing on lessons learned, in particular in countries of eastern Europe and central Asia; • Analysis of opportunities for cross-sectoral cooperation, to address issues related to bioenergy, climate change, land tenure, integrated water resources management, agriculture and landscape planning.
Training components and learning elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For suitable candidates a high level of individual responsibility and scope for self-development will be offered, along with the necessary support; • Exposure to international forestry and related issues such as environment, agriculture and land use; • Develop knowledge of working procedures at international organizations; • Direct involvement in consensus-forming negotiation at the pan-European level; • Experience in balancing policy needs with practical constraints.

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Participation in missions or training courses	As feasible and related to responsibilities. In the past DAAD fellows have participated in missions to other European cities. Language training may be possible.
Additional comments	The Forestry and Timber Section services the UNECE/FAO joint integrated programme of work on timber and forestry. It covers many aspects of forestry, including policy, markets, climate change, resources, long-term outlooks and capacity building work. Geneva has a large and active intern community which organizes a number of events. Geneva 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.

Required Qualifications

Academic qualification (student, B.A., M.A.)	Should have a Diploma/Master but a Vordiplom/Bachelor or Zwischenprüfung is also acceptable. It is not necessary to be currently enrolled in a university.
Subjects	Forestry, environmental sciences, law / international affairs.
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 and web design experience (Typo3) would be a plus.
Internship-related experiences	None required, although ideally would be familiar with working in international environment and have some prior working experience in the field of bioenergy and climate change.
Additional skills/requirements	Experience in organizing international meetings would be a plus.