

EMODnet Secretariat Student Jobs & Internships

Junior Support Officers - Secretariat of the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)

Start date: To be agreed, preferably July 2022

Duration:

- For students: from 1-3 months (maximum 475 hours per year)
- For internships and job-training (graduates): 4 to 6 months internship, with possibility of longer-term recruitment depending on performance and external funding

Working hours: Full time

Employer: Seascope Belgium

Location: EMODnet Secretariat Office, InnovOcean site, Wandelaarkaai 7, 8400 Oostende, Belgium. The incumbent would need to be located in Belgium (commuting distance to Oostende) for the duration of the assignment. The office location will include a (local) move for all InnovOcean staff in early September 2022.

Role & Responsibilities:

The Secretariat of the [European Marine Observation and Data Network \(EMODnet\)](#), provided by [Seascope Belgium](#), seeks to engage enthusiastic and motivated individuals for a limited period student job or internship at the EMODnet Secretariat. We would be looking for engaging 2-3 students and/or interns with different backgrounds, skills and interests to support the Secretariat in three main areas of work:

- (i) Communication and stakeholder engagement;
- (ii) Focused studies and targeted assessments involving desk-based work, targeted stakeholder consultation in areas including European ocean observation and the marine data value chain, EMODnet Sea-basin Checkpoints; and
- (iii) GIS management, web-developments, ICT solutions, data and product assessments, data services and digital twin ocean applications in support of the EMODnet Technical Team.

The work will focus on contributing to one or more of the following tasks of EMODnet Secretariat activities:

- Support the communication, outreach and wider promotional and organisational activities of EMODnet, including the [European Atlas of the Seas](#). This could involve: assisting with the creation of content for the website and/or video materials and outreach activities/tasks such as drafting short news items and distributing them through various channels, including newsletters, website and social media, planning the EMODnet and European Atlas of the Seas social media calendar, facilitating the updating of EMODnet communication materials; contributing to the EMODnet operational planning and reporting e.g., logging EMODnet and third party events, image copyrighting and other activity reporting;
- Provide support for the organisation of key events and meetings such as the EMODnet Open Sea Lab 3.0 Hackathon 2023 and EMODnet Open Conference 2023;
- Support the targeted assessments and focused studies done by the Secretariat, e.g. in relation to (i) the mapping of European ocean observation and marine data management capabilities and activities; (ii) the assessment of products and services from major network partners;
- Support the technical work of the Secretariat in relation to the centralisation of the EMODnet data services, assessment of the EMODnet data products, managing GIS infrastructure, management of productivity tools (JIRA/Confluence), web development and data portal performance testing;
- Work with other members of the EMODnet Secretariat and Seascope in contributing to desk studies, stakeholder engagement, reports, minutes and deliverables, and assist with other duties, as required.

The main tasks will be selected based on the needs, interests and competencies of the applicant, and will be performed under guidance and supervision of experienced senior staff.

Added value for the student/trainee

The trainee(s) will benefit from working alongside staff with expertise in the marine/maritime domain, working in a professional Secretariat and engaging with stakeholders across Europe and beyond, contributing to progressing European marine data and knowledge for the EU Green Deal, Blue Economy & all.

Profile and competences required:

- Applicants for the student job must be at least in their second (or later) year of a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in a relevant discipline, preferably in any of the following domains: (i) Scientific: ocean/environmental science; (ii) Communication: science communication, dissemination and outreach and/or journalism; (iii) Technical: ICT and web-development, geospatial information systems;
- Applicants for the internship must have already completed a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in a relevant discipline, preferably in any of the following domains: (i) Scientific: ocean/environmental science; (ii) Communication: science communication, dissemination and outreach and/or journalism; (iii) Technical: ICT and web-development, geospatial information systems;
- Excellent communication and writing skills. High standard of spoken and written English (working language). Knowledge of the local language (Dutch) would be an advantage, but not compulsory;
- High work ethic, including willingness to work in a small, agile team, contributing to tasks where needed;
- Good organisational skills with capacity to multitask, to deliver on allocated tasks and to set priorities;
- Strong interpersonal skills: able to work in a small multicultural team and able to report progress and issues in an effective manner internally;
- Knowledge of website content management (or willingness to learn) would be an asset;
- Knowledge of (or willingness to learn) using social media for professional purposes is an advantage;
- Understanding of marine science and/or the marine research and data landscape in Belgium and/or Europe would be useful.

Conditions: Student jobs will be paid following the remuneration levels of the local office hosting organisation (Flanders Marine Institute, VLIZ); Trainee/internship remunerations and contracts are based on the Flemish local scheme "BeroepsInlevingsStage" (see <https://www.vlaanderen.be/nl/werk/werk-zoeken/beroepsinlevingsstage-bis>).

Application procedure: written applications comprising a cover letter and CV should be submitted via email to recruitment@seascopebelgium.be. The closing date/time for applications is 22 June 2022 at 17:00 CEST.

For more information about EMODnet and this position, contact: nathalie.tonne@emodnet.eu

Background information about EMODnet:

EMODnet is a long-term marine data initiative from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) underpinning its Marine Knowledge 2020 strategy. More information is available on the EMODnet Central Portal (<https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en>) and Maritime Forum (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/>).

The EMODnet community is supported by a dedicated Secretariat based in Oostende (Belgium) administered by Seascope Belgium. The EMODnet Secretariat oversees the coordination and delivery of EMODnet, including the organization of events and communication with diverse stakeholders including the marine scientific and data management community, policy makers and maritime industry. Since 2017, the EMODnet Secretariat also oversees the maintenance and further development of the European Atlas of the Seas (https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/atlas_en) which is powered by EMODnet and other key EU initiatives and bodies.

About Seascope Belgium

Seascope Belgium is an independent spin-out from Seascope Consultants Ltd, an environmental consultancy specialised in the provision of high-level advice to the marine sector, including industry, policymakers, NGOs and regulatory bodies. Our expertise includes marine and environmental project management, stakeholder consultation and engagement, promotion of ocean literacy and the management of marine data and information. We work alongside leading scientists around the world, and are partners in a number of major European research programmes addressing marine issues. For a full overview of the project portfolio and activities, please visit our website at www.seascopebelgium.be.