

Seascope Belgium - Student Jobs & Internships

Junior Science Support Officers and Data Analysts

Start date: To be agreed

Duration:

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

Working hours: Full time

Employer: Seascope Belgium

Location: For general project work: Seascope Belgium Brussels Office, Brussels, Belgium. For EMODnet Secretariat work: EMODnet Secretariat office at InnovOcean Campus in Oostende, Belgium. Travel to meetings elsewhere in Europe and beyond will be required from time to time.

Role & Responsibilities:

We are looking to engage enthusiastic and motivated individuals for a student job or internship in support of the activities of the [European Marine Observation and Data Network \(EMODnet\) Secretariat](#), administered by Seascope Belgium with several options, in particular:

- a) Providing communication and organisational support for flagship EMODnet events and activities working with the communication and organisational team. The incumbent will work under the guidance of the EMODnet Communications Team, and gain an understanding of the European marine knowledge landscape and acquire skills in event organisation and stakeholder engagement. The work would entail among others contribute to the EMODnet Secretariat's organisational activities for the EMODnet Open Sea Lab 4.0 Hackathon (taking place Spring 2024) and 4th EMODnet Open Conference (Autumn 2024), and other events/workshops as needed. This includes supporting the EMODnet Communications Team with and contributing to the following tasks, among others: attending internal progress meetings as well as meetings with external (co-organising) parties, taking meeting notes and keeping track of action lists; visiting potential event venues in Belgium; contributing to preparing event agendas; preparing timeline of activities in the run-up to the events; stakeholder mapping and preparing and sending out targeted invites for speakers and other types of invitees; following up on responses; developing a clear and effective communication strategy/plan; preparing a social media editorial calendar; preparing social media content for the promotion of the events.
- b) Supporting data analysis, GIS management, web-developments, ICT solutions, data and product assessments, data services and digital twin ocean applications working with Seascope's Technical Team. In this role, (s)he will strengthen the technical team to support the delivery and monitoring of EMODnet data services, working in partnership with experts across Europe to improve the availability and accessibility of marine data for all. The position will also involve interaction with other data initiatives and implementation of related European and international collaborative projects. The incumbent will work under the guidance of the Seascope Technical Coordinator and Senior GIS Expert. The successful candidate will have experience with relevant GIS and ICT tools, geospatial data infrastructures and platforms. Good understanding of geospatial data formats, web standards and associated software is required.
- c) Support EMODnet for Global initiatives and contributions to among others the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development as a Decade Implementing Partner.

Seascape Belgium is also looking to onboard enthusiastic and motivated individuals for a student job or internship in support of other Seascape activities on a need basis. To have an idea of the kind of projects and activities we are currently engaged in, consult our portfolio here: <https://seascapebelgium.be/our-work>.

After completion of a training cycle of 4-6 months, pending positive evaluation of performance and available resources, the trainee will be considered for recruitment as part of the Seascape Belgium team in Brussels or Oostende (EMODnet Secretariat).

Main tasks and responsibilities

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 promoting EMODnet and 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: communication or biological sciences, oceanography, environmental sciences, ICT and web-development, geospatial information systems or other relevant area (e.g. geography, geology, engineering, ...);
- Applicants for the internship must have already completed a Bachelor's or Master's Degree or PhD in a relevant discipline (see above);
- Excellent standard of spoken and written English (working language). Knowledge of the local language (Dutch) would be an advantage as well as any other European language;
- Strong work ethic for working transparently with open communication and ability to work both individually and as a team player;
- Ability to report progress and issues in an effective manner internally and externally at group meetings;
- Excellent organisational skills with capacity to deliver on allocated tasks and meet deadlines;
- Be able to build successful and productive relationships with stakeholders, user groups and other project team members;
- Understanding of marine science and/or the marine research and data landscape in Belgium and/or Europe would be useful but is not essential.

Conditions: 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 tailored cover letter demonstrating an understanding of the role and our requirements and CV, including the names of two referees who can be contacted, should be submitted via email to recruitment@seascapebelgium.be. From 19 August onwards, applications will be reviewed as they are received with potential interview and processing shortly after. The position will be offered to the first applicant who meets the selection criteria (see profile and competences required) and positive evaluation after satisfactory interview, assessment and references.

For more information about EMODnet and this position, contact: kate.larkin@emodnet.eu and/or nathalie.tonne@emodnet.eu (for job content related questions) and recruitment@seascapebelgium.be (for general questions related to the contractual and administrative aspects).



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 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 are driven by excellence. 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.