

Seascope Belgium - Internships

Junior Science Communication Support Officers

Start date: To be agreed

Duration:

- 4 to 6 months internship/training schedule, with a view to longer-term recruitment depending on performance and external funding

Working hours: Full time

Employer: Seascope Belgium

Location: Seascope Belgium Brussels Office, Brussels, 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 an internship in support of a range of communication and outreach activities for some of our key projects and initiatives (see <https://www.seascopebelgium.be/our-work>). The traineeship will involve on the job learning by taking on tasks in support of initiatives such as EU4Ocean, the European Atlas of the Seas and projects related to the development of European Digital Twin of the Ocean. The [EU4Ocean Coalition](#) connects diverse organisations, projects and people across Europe that contribute to ocean literacy and the sustainable ocean management. It includes three communities: the EU4Ocean Platform for organisations and individuals, the Youth4Ocean Forum and the Network of European Blue Schools. The [European Atlas of the Seas](#) is the ocean literacy tool of the European Commission powered by the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet).

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 Seascope Belgium team in Brussels.

Main tasks and responsibilities

The main tasks will be performed under guidance and supervision of experienced senior staff:

- Contribute to the EU4Ocean communication activities, including developing the EU4Ocean newsletter, managing EU4Ocean social media, etc.;
- Support the expansion of the EU4Ocean Platform (stakeholder mapping, engagement and recruitment/community building);
- Reach out to potential new members for the EU4Ocean Platform and keep updated the list of members in Seascope's stakeholder relation management tool;
- Attending EU4Ocean meetings online and in Brussels;
- Contribute to the development of the weekly 'Map of the Week' for the European Atlas of the Seas;
- Manage the social media of the Atlas;
- Contribute new ideas for exercises and games for the [Atlas' Teachers Corner](#), and support to their development;
- Contribute to other assignments for a range of European ocean science and environmental management projects & initiatives (cf. Seascope portfolio at <https://seascopebelgium.be/our-work>).

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;
- 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 in English 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@seascopebelgium.be. 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 this position, contact: nathalie.van.isacker@seascopebelgium.be (for job content related questions) and recruitment@seascopebelgium.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.