

Job description

International Cooperation Intern

Policy & Content Department

Full-time internship, availability from the 9th of September 2019

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Background on SolarPower Europe

SolarPower Europe is a member-led association representing the European solar PV sector. SolarPower Europe's aim is to ensure that more energy is generated by solar than any other energy source by 2030 and lead our members to make solar the core of a smart, sustainable and inclusive energy system. We are an award-winning association and have over 200 members spanning 35 countries. We aim to produce thought-leading energy market analysis and support the business of our members through creative and successful advocacy campaigns.

SolarPower Europe is committed to promoting the energy transition globally. Our Emerging Markets Task Force, consisting of more than 60 companies, is involved in over a dozen countries outside Europe with the aim to identify and create solar business opportunities. We are cooperating with international organisations such as the European Commission, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), as well as local organisations, to promote solar, share industry best practices, support local capacity building and accelerate the energy transition in countries outside Europe.

We are seeking a highly motivated and detail-oriented person to assist in our growing international cooperation unit. The international cooperation unit, which is part of the Policy Department, supports the Emerging Markets Task Force's various activities such as the development of market reports and participation in various international initiatives. The international cooperation unit is also in charge of the acquisition and implementation of international cooperation projects and assignments. The goal of this internship is to support in building up an international cooperation department within SolarPower Europe. A successful internship could potentially lead to a full-time job offer.

We offer a dynamic working environment within a close-knit and multicultural team in Brussels. This internship is a perfect opportunity for an ambitious and talented individual to work in a continuously evolving market and develop knowledge of solar PV while strengthening project management skills in the field of international development cooperation.

This is a 6-month paid internship.

Job description:

The International Cooperation Intern will assist the Senior Advisor and Project Manager for International Projects in:

- Coordinating the work of members in the Emerging Markets Task Force to deliver high-quality market and technical reports in a timely manner.
- Acquisition of new assignments and projects from international donors, organisations, implementing agencies and consultancies, such as EU-funded technical assistance programmes, GIZ programmes, Horizon 2020 projects etc.

- Implementation of international cooperation projects and assignments involving deliverables such as the development of reports to share European best practices and the organisation of workshops or study tours in partner countries or in Europe.
- Prepare briefing notes, presentations and relevant materials in relation to various topics related to solar.
- Create, maintain and extend a strong network in the field of international development cooperation in renewable energy.
- Contribute to the content of SolarPower Europe's communication channels such as the newsletter, social media, website.
- Contribute to SolarPower Europe's business development and member recruitment and retention especially in the field of emerging markets.
- Performing any other tasks or duties required as applicable.

Profile:

- A university degree in a relevant discipline such as International Relations, International Development Cooperation, Economics, Political Science, Renewable Energy or similar.
- Some work experience in the field of international development cooperation, ideally in the field of renewable energy, in the form of previous internships, traineeships, volunteering experience etc.
- Demonstrate project management and coordination skills.
- Good networking skills.
- Fluency in English and at least one of the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian, French. Other languages are an asset.

Application:

A CV (maximum 2 pages) and a short motivation letter (1 page) should be sent to m.heisz@solarpowereurope.org until 12:00 on the 9th of August 2019 quoting “**International Cooperation Intern**” in the subject line.

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

For more information on SolarPower Europe, please visit www.solarpowereurope.org