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INTENSIVE INTERNSHIP IN ENVIRONMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Fieldwork – final part of the advanced training course “ENVIRONMENT IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION”

How to enter environment in sustainable development projects.

TRAINING PROPOSAL

There's a new proposal in 2018 edition of training courses about environment and international cooperation by VIS Online: the intensive internship. A practical experience lasting more than one month, for selected trainees: a tutored individual preparation first and an internship field experience in a PDO (Planning Development Office - VIS partner). Actually three destinations are under consideration: Philippines, Sri Lanka, India – Tamil Nadu.

ADDRESSEES AND OBJECTIVES

The internship is addressed to a small group of selected trainees from the advanced training course.

In this first edition, even in order to guarantee an highest quality support to each trainee, we are planning a maximum of 2 trainees for each destination (so maximum 6 trainees).

STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS

The intensive internship is designed as a in-depth experience and application on site of the topics, principles and methods faced during the advanced training course, of which the internship is an integral part: it's the third training phase, after the first phase (theoretical learning) and the second phase (organization and management of the Rome Workshop).



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The internship thematic focus will be set up *for* and *with* each single trainee on the basis of both his/her skills and experiences and of the specific requirements by the target PDO. As mere example, the trainee may implement his/her activities in supporting the design of projects or the development of on going projects or may contribute to create new modalities in managing environmental resources and local environmental sectors or problems (e.g. water, air, soil, waste, noise, energy consumption, etc.) by surveys on the state of the art, feasibility studies for environmental projects, review of on going projects, single works or activities, according to environmental sustainability criteria.

The **intensive internship format** will be structured in 3 phases:

PHASE A – 2 weeks preparation

During this first phase the work will be focused on:

- knowledge of the national and local context of destination;
- training on the trainee's own safety during the journey and on site;
- customizing the Environmental Mainstreaming roadmap (roadmap on how to insert cross-cutting environmental issues in projects developed by the PDO), learned in its general terms during the advanced training course, to the specific case.

The customization will be implemented by drafting a preliminary work plan, to be fine tuned once at the destination site.

Even the methodological and monitoring check-lists, learned during the first two phases of the advanced training course, will be fine tuned and adapted to the specific context; so that trainee's work will be better traceable and monitored.

Each trainee will be led by the teacher and supported by the tutor.

PHASE B – 2 weeks fieldwork

Every selected trainee will be hosted at the target PDO. The activities onsite will follow the steps defined in the preliminary work plan and will be tuned up during an initial meeting.

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- On site: the trainee will be supported by a PDO's focal point both for logistics and technical aspects. Trainee's activities will lead to a technical report on the topic treated, drafted by him /her. In order to share the development of the work and the results step by step achieved, the following meetings with the PDO's focal point and other officers:
 - kick-off meeting (first day; getting to know each other, describing and sharing the internship work plan);
 - intermediate meeting (after one week; monitoring and possible review);
 - final meeting (after two weeks; final evaluation; description of the first results).
- Online: the teacher and the tutor will be available for a remote support; the trainee will draft a synthetic daily report on the activities performed.

PHASE C – 2 weeks work after homecoming

The trainee will spend two more weeks in data and material reorganization and reworking and in writing the final technical report, guided by the teacher and supported by the tutor, in order to share the report with the target PDO, for its benefit.

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

The internship will allow the trainee to put into practice Environmental Mainstreaming principles and methods learned during the advanced course and to act directly in a specific international cooperation context, valorising environment.

The trainee will learn the topics, the situations, the problems and the opportunities offered by environment in the international cooperation contexts and the practical modalities that can really make development projects sustainable.

- The sharing of work preconditions, development and results will contribute to introduce the trainee to a participatory project planning methodology.
- The use of a work plan and a schedule to be performed within established deadlines will be an exercise of project management;
- The use of methodological and monitoring check-lists will contribute to give trainee a work method also in his/her future jobs.

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The trainee will also learn to work with an interdisciplinary approach, by dialoguing and cooperating with the PDO's officers and their partners, whose back-ground and experiences are very different one from other.

DATES

June 1st / 15th 2018 – PHASE A

June 16th / July 15th 2018 – PHASE B (the starting date is flexible, to be defined according to the specific situations of trainees and PDOs)

July 16th / 31st 2018 – PHASE C

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