



Student Placement Programme

-Strategic Partnerships team-

Spring 2026 intake

The Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) is a leading sustainability think tank that has played a key role in European environmental policy development in the past 45 years in a range of relevant areas.

Are you passionate about environmental issues and eager to make a difference? IEEP is looking for a motivated and dedicated student to join our strategic partnership team for a maximum of 12-weeks programme. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the non-profit sector while contributing to meaningful engagements with European policymakers and stakeholders, learning from a small but very dedicated strategic partnerships team.

The Strategic Partnerships Team is a horizontal team at IEEP, working on a number of themes supporting outreach and coordination with the different IEEP thematic programs. Among others, this includes work on climate change, agriculture and land use, biodiversity and ecosystems, and circular economy. This internship opportunity would thus provide an excellent opportunity for hands-on learning from a horizontal perspective with opportunities for in-depth work on more specific topics when appropriate.

IEEP is also the coordinator of many initiatives, such as the [Think Sustainable Europe network](#) (IEEP membership network of sustainability think tanks) and the [Think2030 platform](#), through which it brings together stakeholders from think tanks, interest groups and industry representatives across Europe with very different backgrounds.

Position Title: Student Placement, Strategic Partnerships Department

Location: In-person / on-site in Brussels – 2 days a week in the office (Rue du Commerce 72, 1040 Brussels, Belgium)

Duration: 12 weeks (3 months) minimum, ideally more

Commitment: minimum 22.8 hours per week (3 full days)

Start Date: February 2026

Responsibilities:

The successful applicant will especially support the work of the IEEP/TSE membership network coordinator. In particular:

- Support with the coordination and the monitoring of TSE Working groups
- Support with the creation and publications of the TSE news digest: monthly TSE newsletter
- Support with organisation of Think2030 high-level events and other relevant events with policymakers.

In the framework of IEEP Strategic Partnerships Team, supporting other teams on external outreach of the organisation and membership network coordination will also involve:

- Doing background research for blogs, briefings, Power Point presentations, newsletter, articles, concept notes and high level meetings;
- Assist in the organisation of IEEP events and in the preparation of the Think2030 platform events
- Engaging with researchers to help develop accurate, relevant, and timely short-form content for social media and other online channels

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a relevant field of study which requires completion of obligatory work placement as part of curricula (Political Science, International Affairs, Environmental Studies, or related disciplines)
- Have a general interest in environmental, climate, or EU-related topics.
- Be generally familiar with how EU institutions work.
- Be willing to take initiative and adapt to different tasks as needed.
- Have basic organisational and time-management abilities.
- Have general computer literacy, especially with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and social media.

The applicant must be **available to come in person to IEEP's Brussels office** and **actively enrolled in a course with an accredited academic institution** and, as such, is **covered under their institution's insurance policies**. Participation in this programme constitutes a student placement and does not create an employment relationship with IEEP. Accordingly, IEEP assumes no responsibility for insurance coverage, medical expenses, or any related liabilities arising during the placement period.

Benefits:

- Gain hands-on experience in non-profit policy dissemination and political engagement practices
- Work closely with a passionate and supportive team
- Opportunity to network with a variety of environmental experts
- Opportunity to learn about the functioning of the European policy making and the of science in policymaking processes

If you're ready to contribute your skills to support important environmental research and gain valuable experience in the advising policymakers on environmental policies, we want to hear from you!

Application process:

Please send your resume, a cover letter, to recruitment@ieep.eu mentioning in the subject line: *Student Strategic Partnerships Team*. Review of the applications will be on a rolling basis as soon as they are received, and it will continue until the position is filled.

Join us in making a positive impact for our planet!

IEEP's Student Placement Programme offers unpaid positions as an opportunity to students who are obliged to commit to a certain number of working hours within an organization as part of their regular studies.

Graduate applicants shall not be considered in the scope of this call. Graduate applicants seeking their first employment are encouraged to apply for our paid internships once these are published over the course of a year.

IEEP is an independent, not for profit, institute with an educational mandate. It is headquartered in Brussels. For more information, please see our website: www.ieep.eu.

IEEP PRIVACY POLICY

This statement explains how IEEP handles and uses personal data we collect about our applicants. Where in this statement we refer to 'we' or 'our' or 'us' we are referring to IEEP and where we refer to 'you' or 'your' we are referring to job applicants.

What information do we collect about you?

We collect information about you when you apply for a role with us. This data includes everything that is in your application form, as well as any other data that you provide us with at the application stage.

How will we use the information about you?

We collect your information for the purpose of the recruitment process for which you have applied for. If we feel that your profile fits an alternative role within IEEP, we may pass your information to other colleagues within our organisation.

We will not disclose your information to any company outside of the IEEP Organisation, unless required to do so by law.

We will not use your data for marketing purposes.

How long will we keep your information for?

If you are successful in your application, we will provide you with a new privacy policy upon offer of employment, which will supersede this policy.

If you are unsuccessful, we will keep your information on file for 6 months after the application deadline date, after which it will be deleted.

Access to your information and correction:

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information, please write to us at the following address. We may make a small charge for this service.

We want to make sure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. You may ask us to correct or remove information you think is inaccurate.

How to contact us:

If you have any questions about this policy, or would like further information, please contact us at recruitment@ieep.eu