



IEEP Student Placement

Position Title: Student Placement, Strategic Partnerships and Engagement Department

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

Duration: 12 weeks (3 months) – or to be agreed upon university's requirements

Commitment: full-time (38hours/week – 9.00-17.35) - or to be agreed upon university's requirements

Start Date: as soon as possible from November 2026

End date: Flexible upon university's requirements

Internship supervisor: Mattia Bonfanti, Head of Strategic Partnerships and Engagement team

Applications process: applications considered on a rolling basis

About IEEP - Institute for European Environmental Policy

The [Institute for European Environmental Policy \(IEEP\)](#) is the Brussels-based leading think tank working on European environmental policy. Established in 1976, IEEP has advised generations of experts and policymakers since the very beginning of European environmental legislation. As an independent, unbiased, impartial, and evidence-based institute, we are committed to supporting organisations to better navigate European environmental policy landscape and advance impact-driven sustainability policy across the EU and beyond.

Our multidisciplinary team works with EU institutions, international organisations, academia, and civil society, providing integrated approaches and multiple perspectives across several research areas covering agri-food, biodiversity, land use, trade, climate and circular economy.

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 initiative](#), through which it brings together stakeholders from think tanks, interest groups and industry representatives across Europe with very different backgrounds.

About IEEP Strategic Partnerships and Engagement team (SPE)

The Strategic Partnerships and Engagement 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 engagement with relevant stakeholder and external relations to support work on policies related to climate change, agriculture and land use, biodiversity and ecosystems, circular economy, sustainable trade. This internship opportunity would thus provide an excellent opportunity

for hands-on learning from a horizontal perspective with possibility for in-depth work on more specific topics when appropriate.

In particular, successful internship applicant will join the Strategic Partnerships and Engagement Team, which coordinates IEEP membership network ([Think Sustainable Europe network](#)).

Internship Description / Main Activities

The successful applicant will support the work of the SPE team, in particular of the IEEP Partnership officer and TSE membership network coordinator, as follows:

- Support with the coordination of meetings of TSE Working groups and other meetings (e.g. TSE Executive Directors' meetings)
- Support with the creation and publications of the TSE news digest: monthly TSE newsletter with relevant news from TSE members and political updates from Brussels relevant to the network of members
- Support with the coordination of TSE members' contributions to Think2030 high-level events.
- Support with the organisation of IEEP events, especially [Think2030 conferences](#) and as part of the IEEP projects' deliverables (e.g. stakeholders engagement under Horizon projects)
- Support with the mapping of and outreach to IEEP external partners
- Doing background research for blogs, briefings, Power Point presentations, newsletter, articles, concept notes and high-level meetings;

Main expected results & educational objectives

Main expected results:

1. Effective support to the Strategic Partnerships Team through coordination of Think Sustainable Europe (TSE) working groups and network activities.
2. Contribution to IEEP's outreach and communications, including producing content for the TSE News Digest and assisting in event organization (e.g., Think2030 meetings).
3. High-quality background research delivered for blogs, policy briefs, and presentations, demonstrating analytical and communication skills.
4. Improved coordination and engagement among TSE members, reflected through timely updates, contributions, and events.
5. Enhanced visibility of IEEP's work on the occasion of high-level events.

Educational Objectives:

- **Understanding EU environmental policymaking** — gaining insights into how sustainability policies are developed, negotiated, and communicated at the EU level.
- **Developing professional skills** in policy research, and stakeholder coordination within a leading European think tank.
- **Learning to translate scientific and policy content** into accessible communications for diverse audiences.
- **Experiencing network and partnership management**, including cross-organizational collaboration within a European policy context.
- **Building knowledge across environmental policy domains**, including climate, agriculture, biodiversity, and circular economy.
- **Strengthening organizational and digital communication abilities**, including use of tools like Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and social media for policy outreach.

Stipend and benefits

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.

Public transport reimbursement: IEEP can reimburse local public transport costs within Brussels for students. Interns are encouraged to purchase the €12 annual STIB student ticket, available upon presentation of proof of student status. If this option is not available, IEEP will reimburse the standard monthly STIB transport pass.

Benefits:

- Gain hands-on experience in non-profit communications
- 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
- Flexible work hours and potential for remote work

Application process

If you believe your profile matches the specifications above and you are eager to contribute to IEEP's work, please send your CV and a short cover letter (maximum one page) to recruitment@ieep.eu, clearly marking the subject of the email:

"IEEP – November Student placement Strategic team"

Application deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and candidates are therefore encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible.

The anticipated start date is November 2026. Given the expected high level of interest, we regret that we may not be able to respond individually to all applicants. Only shortlisted candidates may be contacted. IEEP is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds. We are committed to inclusion, diversity and equality throughout our recruitment process.

Join us in making a positive impact for our planet!

IEEP Applicant Privacy Policy

- **Data collected:** Information provided in your job application and any additional information submitted during recruitment.
- **Purpose:** Data is used only for the recruitment process for the role applied for. If your profile may suit another IEEP role, your information may be shared internally with relevant IEEP colleagues.
- **External sharing:** IEEP will not share your data outside the IEEP Organisation, unless legally required.
- **Marketing:** Your data will not be used for marketing purposes.
- **Retention:**

- Successful applicants: A new privacy policy will apply upon an employment offer and replace this policy.
 - Unsuccessful applicants: Data is retained for 6 months after the application deadline, then deleted.
- Your rights: You can request a copy of your personal data held by IEEP and ask for inaccurate information to be corrected or removed.
- Contact: For questions or further information, contact brussels@ieep.eu