Traineeship opportunity – Ocean, fisheries and marine biodiversity policy
5 months (March 2027 – July 2027)

About the Greens/EFA Group

The Greens/EFA Group brings together Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from Green, Pirate, Volt and Independent movements, as well as MEPs from the European Free Alliance (EFA) representing stateless nations, regions and minorities, standing up for the right to self-determination. We work towards a more sustainable, democratic and inclusive Europe, defending human rights, equality, social justice and environmental protection.

Our work covers a wide range of political and organisational activities, including policy development, parliamentary work, communication, administration and support services. We offer traineeships to people interested in gaining practical experience in the work of a political group within the European Parliament and learning more about the European political environment.

About the traineeship

This traineeship offers an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in EU ocean, fisheries and marine biodiversity policy, while discovering the work of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament's PECH Committee and the Ecological Transition team. You will deepen your understanding of key EU policy developments and explore how environmental protection, fisheries, biodiversity and energy policies interact. Through research, policy monitoring, press reviews and participation in parliamentary meetings, you will develop your analytical skills and gain insight into how political priorities are shaped and advanced within the European Parliament. Depending on the team's priorities, you may also contribute to a research project examining the links between energy, environmental and fisheries policy.

Main tasks and responsibilities

Working alongside your supervisor in the PECH Committee, you will contribute to activities such as:

- Ocean policy and the European Ocean Act: Support the team's work on the European Commission's upcoming Ocean Act, including following policy developments, gathering information and preparing relevant contributions.
- Marine biodiversity and environmental legislation: Assist with work on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), including exploring links with the ENVI Committee's work and environmental policy priorities.
- Parliamentary and political work: Contribute to the team's ongoing work on PECH legislative and own-initiative reports, and other relevant parliamentary files, including research and preparation of background information.
- Policy monitoring and press review: Follow developments in ocean, fisheries and marine biodiversity policy and prepare a weekly press review covering relevant news and developments.
- Meetings and committee support: Participate in relevant committee meetings, working groups and technical or political discussions, and support the team in its day-to-day activities.

The traineeship is designed as a learning experience. Tasks and responsibilities will be adapted to the trainee's learning objectives, skills and level of experience, with appropriate guidance and supervision.

Who we are looking for

We are looking for someone with relevant knowledge or experience in European affairs, environmental policy or related fields, who is interested in developing a deeper understanding of ocean and fisheries policy.

You do not need to have professional experience. We welcome applications from people at different stages of their education and career, including those looking to explore a new professional direction.

This role would suit someone who has:

- Interest in EU policymaking: An understanding of, or strong interest in, the functioning of the European institutions and the EU legislative process.
- Interest in environmental and ocean policy: Knowledge of or interest in fisheries, marine biodiversity, ocean protection or related environmental issues.
- Research and analytical skills: The ability to gather information, identify relevant policy developments, analyse documents and summarise complex topics clearly.
- Understanding of interconnected policy areas: An interest in exploring the links between fisheries, biodiversity, energy and wider environmental policies.
- Communication and writing skills: The ability to prepare clear written summaries, background information and press reviews.
- Organisation and teamwork: The ability to manage tasks and deadlines, exchange information with colleagues and contribute to collaborative work.
- Motivation to learn: Curiosity about European politics and a willingness to engage with new policy areas and develop your knowledge.

Relevant skills and experience may have been acquired through education, volunteering, personal projects, community involvement, professional activities or other experiences. Previous employment is not a prerequisite.

What you can expect from us

We aim to provide a meaningful learning experience throughout your traineeship. You will receive an introduction to the Greens/EFA Group, the European Parliament and your team's work and you will have a designated supervisor to guide and support you. Regular discussions will give you the opportunity to reflect on your progress, review your learning objectives and raise any questions or support needs. You will also be encouraged to take part in relevant team activities, meetings and projects, and have access to appropriate training and learning resources. Above all, we strive to offer a welcoming working environment where you can ask questions, share ideas and develop your skills.

Practical information and working conditions

- **Location:** European Parliament, Brussels
- **Duration:** 5 months, from 1 March to 31 July
- **Working time:** Full-time, 9h – 18h Monday to Thursday, 9h – 13h30 Friday
- **Monthly allowance:** EUR 1890
- **Insurance:** Health and accident insurance
- **Leave:** 10 days of paid leave, in addition to public holidays established within the EP
- **Training:** Available training opportunities

- **Teleworking (working from home):** 9 days of teleworking per month
- **Teleworking from abroad:** a total of 5 days of teleworking from abroad
- **Travel:** Possibility to go on mission to Strasbourg once during the traineeship

Application and procedure

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application with their CV **by 6 December at 23h59**, Brussels time through the following link:

Application form – Greens/EFA Internship March – July 2027

Please note that this form allows you to apply to a maximum of two profiles for an internship. We will take these into consideration, although we cannot guarantee placement in a particular team or profile. Applications, CVs or cover letters received by email will not be accepted. Multiple applications from the same candidate will not be considered.

Indicative timeline:

- Application deadline: 06/12/2026
- Interviews: during the month of January
- Expected notification of results: end of January

Equality, diversity and inclusion

The Greens/EFA group is dedicated to providing equal employment opportunities, fostering diversity, and creating an inclusive, discrimination free and harassment free work environment. Therefore, we actively work on minimising the influence of our biases in our recruitment procedures, in particular related to but not limited to, ethnicity, national origin, race, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, domestic circumstances, physical appearance, disability status, socioeconomic background and atypical careers.
In case of equal appreciation on competence and suitability for the position, preference will be given to applicants from under-represented groups.

Candidates with disabilities may request reasonable adjustments at any stage of the selection process and, if selected, to their workstation and working arrangements, in accordance with the applicable procedures. Please contact The Greens/EFA HR team. Requests will be handled confidentially.

Data protection

Personal data submitted as part of the application will be processed for the purposes of organising and conducting the recruitment procedure, in accordance with the applicable data protection rules.

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