

Internship Operation manager: Promotion of rural territories engaged in the energy transition (M/F)

RURENER is building its working team. If you are a convinced European, an enthusiastic believer in sustainable development and are looking for a fulfilling internship, here is your chance to join us!

The organization:

RURENER is a European network of rural communities engaged in the energy transition. Our vision is to build a European Union self-conscious of the potentials of its territories, and especially its rural territories, to realize the energy transition. By addressing the energy issues, we promote a transversal approach of rural development. Through our members' experiences, we highlight the crucial role of rural territories to make the energy transition a reality in Europe, and we seek to make rural territories' voice heard and acknowledged in Brussels.

Our missions:

- Be the **voice of rural European communities** in the fight against climate change
- Promote the **sharing of good practices** and concrete **cooperation** between European communities.
- Give these communities the **tools** to elaborate and conduct their **energy strategy**.
- **Promote technical, organizational and social innovations** experienced in the field

Intern's tasks:

The internship is incorporated in the framework of RURENER's project "2017, Year of Innovation for Rural Energy". This project seeks to draw the attention of European decision-makers on rural energy innovations. It is structured in four main actions:

- Conception and implementation of monitoring-evaluation tools for territorial energy transition projects
- **Development of cooperation projects** in the energy field and building of **European partnerships**
- Structuration and experimentation of **field study tours** highlighting energy innovations on pilot territories
- **European lobbying** and organization of a European event in the fall 2018

The intern will be given two missions related to the actions 3 and 4 of the project.

The first mission is the structuring of territorial offer in France and Europe to improve the visibility of local rural energy innovations at the European level. This mission will include the identification of pilot territories in Europe, and the description of the main attributes in the territorial offer related to the energy transition and to the reception of groups. For this mission the intern will:

1. Benchmark pilot territories in terms of rural energy that could become destinations for field study tours (offer)
2. Study demand for field study tours, transfers of innovations, analysis of experiences and intellectual stimulation about rural renewable energy (number of tours organized by networks and organizations, public/private stakeholders concerned, economic outlooks)
3. Mobilize stakeholders on the selected field sites and gather data to build a guide of the European pilot territories in terms of rural energy innovations (graphic design of the guide will be developed by a service provider in parallel of the research)

The intern will benefit from the support of RURENER European coordinator and RURENER members on the selected sites.

The second mission is related to RURENER's lobbying action. The intern will be asked to elaborate a new lobbying strategy at the European level with the support of RURENER European coordinator and RURENER Board members. This mission includes:

1. Identification of relevant target groups and of specific messages to relay to the different target groups,
2. Identification of European events on rural energy to improve the network's visibility at the European level,
3. Broadcasting of key messages reflecting RURENER's values.

The intern can be mobilized along with other members of the network to represent RURENER during European events.

Finally, the intern will take part in the network's activity according to her/his skills (website, Facebook page, Newsletter), allowing her/him to get more familiar with RURENER members and activities in no time.

Profile:

- Master's 1 or 2 in European cooperation, communication and European lobbying, rural development, political science; or any other relevant field
- Ability to mobilize a diversity of stakeholders;
- Knowledge in European/international lobbying;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Interest for the energy transition in rural territories is necessary;
- Fluent use of English and French is essential (written/spoken). Use of other European languages will be much appreciated;
- Research and analysis skills (ability to summarize, good writing skills, forceful page layout)
- Use of online communication tools (social media, MailChimp, wordpress, etc);
- Past experience in tourism or event organization will be valued.

Length of the internship: 6 months starting September-October 2017

Place: Clermont-Ferrand (63000), France and possibility of business trip in Europe

Compensation: legal internship compensation according to the French legislation 529,20 €/month + transportation costs

Applying: If this offer fits your skills and ambitions, please send us your CV and a letter of motivation at rurener@gmail.com before 08/10/2017.