

Fiscal policy intern (m/f/d)

Cologne or remote | Starting early February 2022 | Internship

Who we are

ZOE Institute for Future-fit Economies is an independent think & do tank based in Cologne and founded in 2017. We are dedicated to policy-oriented research and evidence-driven advocacy for a future-fit economy. At the interface of politics, research and civil society in the EU, we develop impulses for an economy that enables people to live well within planetary boundaries.

What we offer

We are a small team that attaches great importance to an appreciative atmosphere and good communication. Further we offer:

- **A motivating working environment** in a small think & do tank that has made it to the top of EU politics in a short space of time
- **A strategic, agile, value and purpose oriented** working style
- Free choice of working time and place, supporting a healthy work-life balance
- A dynamic organization that is in the **exciting phase of scaling up its activities**

We are looking for an intern to support us in the upcoming work in our “Green Economic Recovery and Resilience” project which will cover:

Analysis of feasibility and impact of EU fiscal policy reforms proposals from the perspective of 3 Member States (DE, IT, NL). Building on our feasibility and impact analysis which was focused on the EU level, this analysis will evaluate the feasibility and impact of the same proposals on Member State level. This will enable Member States to understand which proposal would be most helpful for their specific circumstances. This analysis will be combined with meetings with the 3 Member States that serve as an entry point to engage in the conversation about fiscal reform at the Member State level.

The internship includes the following tasks:

- **Background research** on policies related to the European economic governance framework and EU fiscal policy including **literature review** and **event monitoring**
- **Content development** for Twitter, LinkedIn and ZOE website
- **Drafting content** for **reports, policy briefs** and other **publications**
- Monitoring of developments at European Union level
- Preparation of **meetings, presentations and outreach material**
- Support in the **organisation of workshops and events** (physical or online) with key stakeholders in EU policy and beyond
- Dissemination of project outputs

Who we are looking for

We are looking for people that share our core principles: Value orientation, sustainability, agility, self-responsibility and flat hierarchies. Your profile would include the following skills, background and knowledge:

- **Background in economics, political science, EU Affairs/international relations**
- **Demonstrated interest in and previous engagement** with **European fiscal policy** through previous work experiences, coursework, etc.
- **Excellent writing and communication skills**, fluency in **English**, if possible professional proficiency in **German or** at least one other EU language

- **Strong research skills**, knowledge of how to find information quickly and efficiently and ideally familiar with the EU document registers, media and monitoring sites
- Good organisational skills and eye for detail
- **Pro-active and responsive** with ability to quickly understand tasks and situations
- Interest in new economic thinking, sustainability, and governance processes

Furthermore, the following skills would be an asset:

- Design and visual presentation skills

Conditions

We are looking for a full-time intern, whereby working hours can be arranged flexibly. We offer the internship from February 1st, lasting three months. There is the possibility for an internship with regular presence in Cologne as well as a fully remote internship. The intern will receive a monthly allowance.

Diversity

We believe that our society's behaviour disproportionately hurts the most marginalized people – including people of colour, people from working class backgrounds, people with disabilities, women and LGBTIQ people. We are committed to challenge this through our work for socially just development and by creating a diverse workplace at our organisation. Hence, we strongly encourage applications from people who are members of marginalized communities.

Application procedure

We are accepting applications for this role until January 24th. Please send your CV (max 2 pages), a motivation letter (400 - 500 words) and a work sample (could be a thesis, an essay, power point slides or anything similar) to applications@zoe-institut.de and cc lydia.korinek@zoe-institut.de. Please do **not attach a photo** to your application. **Please state “Internship application” in the subject line.** If we consider your application to be suitable, we will get back to you as soon as possible with dates for an online interview. In case of any questions please contact Lydia Korinek: lydia.korinek@zoe-institut.de.