



6-months internship position

Statistical data analysis of the European inland navigation sector

The Organisation

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that plays a key role in the navigation of the Rhine. Its main objectives are to ensure good navigation conditions on the Rhine and to promote inland navigation that is safe and respectful of the environment on the waterways. It is active in technical, legal, economic, social and environmental domains. Many of the CCNR's activities now go beyond the Rhine itself and encompass European inland navigation in the broadest sense.

The CCNR is composed of five Member States (Germany, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland) and works more and more closely with the European Commission, as well as with other river commissions and international organisations, along with Observer States and organisations that represent the sector.

Located in Strasbourg and made up of an international team of some 35 persons, the CCNR is seeking to recruit for its Secretariat an intern to support work linked to the inland waterways market observation areas, and more specifically collecting and analysing statistical data, focused on new markets.

Market Observation activity description

The Market Observation annual reports and Market Insights are published by the CCNR dealing with the European inland navigation market. The gathering and analysis of these data by the CCNR has been co-financed by the European Commission since 2005.

Internship description

The intern work will be fully integrated in the frame of the Market Observation activity. Within the internship, there are **three main tasks**, which are described below.

1) Assistance in collecting and analysing statistical data for the annual report 2023

The data collection and analysis will take place in the framework of the annual report 2023, focusing on various aspects of inland waterway transport in Europe. The report is planned to be published in September 2023.

- Collection and analysis of statistical data from Eurostat, OECD, national statistical offices, waterway administrations and other organisations.
- Analysis of specific market segments (e.g. container transport, grain transport, etc.) for the outlook chapter.

2) Assistance in preparing a thematic workshop on price formation

- Support in the practical organisation of the workshop: setting up a registration system, monitoring participants, contacting possible speakers.
- Support in collecting information (desk research, interviews, online events) about price formation in inland navigation in comparison with other modes.
- Support in preparing a presentation about price formation in inland navigation.
- Follow-up of the workshop: support in writing conclusions, press release...

3) Assistance in finalising a report on the labour market in the European inland navigation transport sector

Many data have already been collected, but fine tuning is necessary.

- Update selected data that have already been collected with most up-to-date available data. For some countries or topics, data are still missing and require to be collected and analysed.
- Research and interviews with experts to gather qualitative input in various fields such as the attractiveness of the sector and education in the field of inland navigation transport.

Other tasks: The intern will also assist in quality checks of the Market Observation reports and in the creation of excel databases.

The intern is expected to carry his/her tasks in close cooperation with the Market Observation team of the CCNR. The intern will receive guidance in order to carry out his/her tasks.

The person applying for the post should ideally have the following skills:

Content related skills

- Good understanding of economics
- At least basic knowledge about the transport sector

Empirical research skills

- Ability to work with large datasets (understanding underlying patterns of data)
- Ability to conduct quantitative as well as qualitative research
- Ability to conduct interviews with important actors from inland ports, research units, etc.

Personal skills

- Research orientated mindset and curiosity
- Ability to work autonomously as well as inside a team
- Good style of communication and good writing skills
- Motivation to work in an international environment
- Profound oral and written language capacities in English
- Good oral and written language capacities in Dutch or French or German

Conditions:

- Six or (preferably) seven months internship from April 2023 to September/October 2023 (some flexibility with the internship period is possible).
- Attractive internship net remuneration (around 1000 € per month).
- Possibility to do some home office.
- Office located in Palais du Rhin, 2, Place de la République, F-67082 Strasbourg / France or home office

Please send a cover letter and a CV **before 24 March 2023** to the following email address: career@ccr-zkr.org