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Participation form

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Type of project:

Selection and placement of the graduated trainees at the Regional Council of Lombardy (in Milan and in Brussels) to support European policies.



a) **Regional law:** Law n° 16/2013 of 26th November “Establishment of scholarships for internships and research activities at the Regional Council of Lombardy” – publication on the Official Lombardy region Bulletin (B.U.R.L. n° 48, suppl. 28th November 2013)

b) **Administrative act (initiative of the year 2016):** 04/05/2015, Regional Council Deliberation n° 156 // 8/06/2015, Deliberation of the Regional Council n° 210 // 22/07/2015, Publication with Decree of the General Secretary n° 334

c) **Procedure:**

Since 2014 - **through the policy of savings - the Regional Council of Lombardy** has been **determining the number of scholarships (maximum 35 - of which no more than 5 at the headquarters of the Region in Brussels)**, and criteria for preparing calls. Some internships are reserved to people with disabilities (*in accordance with the national law n°. 68 “Rules for the Right to Work of Disabled Persons”*).

The General Secretary of the Regional Council approves – based on the criteria established by the Presidency and after the opinion of the competent commission - the selection competitions.

The internship lasts 1 year and trainees are salaried through budget savings.

The amount of the scholarship is €13.758,36 (60% of the initial salary of the regional graduated staff). The scholarship is increased by 50% (€ 20.637,54) for internships at the Brussels' headquarters of the Lombardy Region; the procedures for the selection of candidates; the percentage of reserve in favour of persons with disabilities; additional requirements (including bonus criteria for residents in the Lombardy area).

a) **Other:** //

Date of issuing of the initiative

“Establishment of scholarships for training and orientation internships at the Regional Council of Lombardy” - edition 2016:

04/05/2015, Regional Council Deliberation n° 156
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Reference period

22/07/2015 - Publication
15/09/2015 - Deadline for applications (received n° 493 applications for participation)
03/11/2015 - Pre-selection
30/11/2015 - Appointment of the Commission, Regional Council Deliberation n°455



February and March 2016 - Selection interviews and definitive Classifications

After selections 23 young people attended one year long their internships at the Regional Council of Lombardy (21 in Milan and 2 at Brussels).

Short description of the initiative

After the adoption of the Regional Law n. 3 del 2013 on the reduction of the costs of the politics, the Regional Law 26 November 2013, n. 16 was adopted and became effective (13rd December 2014) the "*Establishment of scholarships for internships and research activities at the Regional Council of Lombardy*".

In the first edition (2014-2015), the regional law provided that grants may be awarded to carry out internships and guidance in favour of graduates, for conducting curricular courses for undergraduates and to carry out research activities.

The Regional Council of Lombardy promoted the second edition of this initiative (2015-2016): **“Establishment of scholarships for training and orientation internships at the Regional Council of Lombardy”**. This initiative was very successful: 493 participants. The Commission selected n° 23 trainees (21 for Milan and 2 for Brussels) Trainees have been doing their training in the year 2016.

Role of the Regional Assembly:

The Regional Assembly has the role to plan, organize, implement the scholarships and to directly host the interns within its internal structure and activity, offering to deserving graduates an important opportunity to gain professional experience in the field.

Main features of the initiative



The initiative has been very successful and will be promoted again in 2017, allocating the resources necessary for the activation of 32 training and guidance placements for new graduates (2 at Brussels) and 3 grants for curriculum placements.

This initiative has allowed:

- to achieve a greater relationship between the Regional Council of Lombardy and Europe;
- to constantly monitor the European laws and policies of regional interest (also through reports that trainees must periodically send to the Regional Council of Lombardy);
- to give trainees greater opportunities to join international initiatives.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications

Among the available internships and scholarships planned by the Regional Council initiative, there are some (maximum 5) open positions for an internship at the Brussels Delegation of the Regional Council. In 2015 and 2016 there were 2 positions.

The candidates who will be chosen every year with public competition to work in Brussels premises are given the opportunity to develop professional experience in the European Union framework and to directly interact with the EU institutions such as the Committee of the Regions and the CALRE.

On the other side, the Regional Council of Lombardy highly benefits of fresh and open minded graduate young professionals, who give great contribution to the European and international relations of the Assembly, thus providing new perspectives and valuable support to the European profile of the Council, to the Regional Legislative Assembly as a whole and to the public administration itself.

This is for example the experience reported by a trainee in the year 2016:

“On 1st September I started my internship at the Institutional Relations Office of the Lombardy Regional Council. I spent the first months in the Milan headquarter where I immediately started to work on the preparation of the CALRE World Forum of Regional and Subnational Legislative Assemblies.

Afterwards I went to the Brussels Office where I dealt mainly with monitoring the European Acts which could have an important impact on the Regional Council's competences. I examined in particular the activity of the Committee of the Regions – the real home of European Regions. Also one of my main aim was to build an exchange network with the other European Regions.

The months I spent there represented an incredible opportunity for my training and growth. I had the opportunity to meet and work with many representatives of the European institutions, the Committee of the Regions, etc.. I could work in an international and dynamic context and compare myself with a complex and varied stimulating work environment”.

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