

## Internship at Skat Consulting

Supporting the activities of the SDC water network “RéseAU”

**Skat Consulting Ltd.** (Skat) is an independent consulting company based in Switzerland since 1978 and working globally in the fields of international cooperation and humanitarian aid, and providing services in the areas of water management, building, reconstruction and settlements, energy production, and climate change mitigation.

Skat Consulting has a mandate with the **Global Programme Water (GPW) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)** to facilitate the SDC’s water network “RéseAU”. The RéseAU was launched in 2009 as the thematic network for water and is hosted by the GPW. It aims at assuring the sector knowledge management within SDC and with its partners. The main objectives of the RéseAU are that i) SDC and partner staff apply up-to-date knowledge in their water-related work, are connected and exchange among each other, and that ii) SDC’s water profile is strengthened, coherent and trend-setting. For more information, visit the RéseAU website: <https://www.shareweb.ch/site/Water>. Today, more than 380 persons are members of the network and exchange virtually or during face to face meetings about their experience, challenges, successes and lessons-learned. This exchange is key to improve the daily work of SDC staff and implementers working in the water sector.

Skat Consulting Ltd. is offering an **opportunity for recent graduates or young professionals** to conduct an **internship within Skat headquarter in St-Gallen**. The trainee will support the planning, preparation, organisation, implementation and evaluation of activities of the SDC water network “RéseAU”.

**Location:** The internship will be based in St-Gallen.

**Duration:** The working time is preferably 60% for 10 months with a start planned on 16th of September 2019. Both working time and duration period are subject to discussion with the candidate.

**This internship is an excellent opportunity to gain insights in Swiss development cooperation and acquire experience in innovative approaches for water.**

**Tasks:** The trainee will support the RéseAU activities including but not limited to:

- Global face-to-face event in Switzerland, a two days event where members meet, exchange and learn from each other;
- Regional face-to-face meeting of the Middle East and North Africa Sub-RéseAU;
- Specific learning exchange activities for the Sub-RéseAU Africa;
- Webinars on water related topics;
- Activities related to the Trend Observatory in water, an initiative aiming at keeping the RéseAU members informed about emerging trends and innovative approaches in the water and related sectors;
- Training offer for RéseAU members;
- Documentation of best practices of SDCs and its partners;
- Innovative tools to stimulate the knowledge sharing, learning and encourage exchange among members.

**Requirements:**

- University degree in a relevant field (e.g communication, environmental sciences, international relations);
- Prior experience in developing countries, experience in water and sanitation is an asset;
- Excellent organizational and communication skills;
- High motivation, commitment and creativity;
- Excellent communication and writing skills in English; additional languages (French, German, Spanish) are an asset;
- Swiss residence permit.

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Application (CV and a 1 page motivation letter) should be sent to [Violeta.Zivanovic@skat.ch](mailto:Violeta.Zivanovic@skat.ch).

**Application deadline: 05.07.2019**

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