

Traineeship opportunity

Supporting the activities of SDC's water network "RésEAU" and sector knowledge management

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

Since 01.10.2020, Skat is implementing a backstopping mandate with the **Global Programme Water (GPW) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)** to facilitate the SDC's water network "RésEAU" and sector knowledge management. Hosted by SDC's Global Program Water, the RésEAU was launched in 2009 as the agency's thematic network for water. Its main objectives are:

- i) SDC and partner staff apply up-to-date knowledge in their water-related work, are connected and exchange among each other;
- ii) SDC's water profile is strengthened, coherent and trend-setting.

Under the global RésEAU, there are regional sub-networks called sub-RésEAUs focusing on specific regions where SDC is working. Today the RésEAU has more than 540 members, including staff of SDC and its implementing partners active in water related projects. In its knowledge management endeavors, it synergizes with the AGUASAN: a Swiss community of practice bringing together a wide range of specialists to promote holistic understanding of key issues in water and sanitation in international cooperation.

For more information, visit the RésEAU website: <https://www.sdc-water.ch>

OUR OFFER

Skat is offering a **traineeship opportunity for recent graduates or young professionals to support the activities of SDC's water network RésEAU and other ongoing tasks within Skat Consulting.** Regular presence in the St. Gallen office is expected, but partially remote work is accepted. The intern will have to be Swiss-based, as occasional travel within Switzerland will be required. The working time is preferably **60-80% for about 8 months** with a start planned on **01.02.2025**. Both, working time and duration period, are subject to discussion with the candidate. The monthly salary of the intern is **3150 CHF** (at 100%) **with a Master's degree**, and **2700 CHF** (at 100%) **with a Bachelor's degree**.

This traineeship is an excellent opportunity to gain insights into the Swiss development cooperation, the functioning of a small Swiss consulting company and to acquire experience in innovative approaches to knowledge management and get to know the international water sector.

MAIN TASKS

- Organize activities for RésEAU members e.g. webinars, workshops, learning journeys, networking events, e-discussions, at global and regional levels;
- Support the documentation of best practices of SDC and its partners;
- Manage RésEAU online platforms (Shareweb, Hazu, Dgroups);
- Support the organization of AGUASAN workshops and meetings of its Community of Practice
- Support the promotion of youth initiatives within the RésEAU, possibly in collaboration with the [1 Million Youth Actions Challenge](#).
- Participate in planning meetings with the mandate team members and client, whilst assisting the reporting towards SDC.

REQUIREMENTS

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send your application (CV and a 1-page motivation letter) as well as your questions, if any, to manuel.henseler@skat.ch. The deadline for application is 30 December 2024, 23:59 CET. The interviews will be conducted on 15 January 2025.