

Traineeship (Innovation, Social and Environmental Procurement (Buy Social) Trainee/ Full time)

Fascinated by the world of impact, social enterprises and social innovation? Do you have what it takes to help generate more impact? Euclid Network (EN) is expanding the team and is looking for a trainee to support with its Buy Social, Innovation, Social and Environmental Procurement educational and accelerator programming and leading the European and global Community of Practice on this matter!

Our mission – and yours?

Social entrepreneurs and impact-driven leaders are the world's frontrunners dedicated to solving societal challenges while running a sustainable business. We empower them to scale their positive impact and play a key role in paving the way for a socially inclusive, just and green society and economy in line with the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). We are an impact network of diverse organisations and changemakers that surface opportunities and remove barriers for social enterprise and social innovation across Europe and beyond.

Our network consists of members that are national networks for social enterprises and social innovators, social funds, universities, research centres, accelerators and incubators. We collaborate with colleagues at leading impact organizations, such as the European Commission, the World Economic Forum Covid Response Alliance for Social Entrepreneurs, the UN Taskforce for Social and Solidarity Economy, Social Enterprise World Forum and ImpactCity, and with partners in the public and private sector, including SAP and Google.org amongst others. Frontrunners that help social entrepreneurs with capacity building, networking, funding, research and developing their business. Since 2007, we have managed 25 projects to a value of over 15 million EUR, and worked with 50+ partners from most European countries, the Middle East and Russia and globally.

EaSI and other strategic programs and special events

The EaSI partnership is at the core of our organisation. We work as strategic partner of the European Commission to build and strengthen the ecosystem on the demand side of social finance; the social entrepreneurs and social innovators and their support organisations across Europe and beyond. Within the EaSI program we support the European Commission in building the social enterprise community, ensuring knowledge exchange and best practices are shared beyond national borders, learning and research is set-up that enables evidence-based policy-making at European and national level through a deep understanding and availability of data on what is happening on the ground, the needs, challenges, barriers and opportunities of social entrepreneurs and social innovators and their beneficiaries.

Besides EaSI, our projects, campaigns and events include the Euclid Network Impact Summit, European Social Enterprise Monitor, the European Social Innovation Competition, BuySocial, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE), EU3Digital, PeerEx, MedUP!, Erasmus+ projects, amongst others. Our activities and events create a platform for international impact-driven organizations to present themselves, connect to the wider impact network, to investors, public officials, peers and exchange experiences to scale together. More information on www.EuclidNetwork.eu.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Head of Knowledge, Research and Development, the successful candidate will be expected to:

- Support Head in setting and executing the Buy Social and Innovation Procurement strategy and development plan;
- Support Head, EN Project Officer and team at partner organization the Social Enterprise World Forum in the management and further development of the (online) European and global Community of Practice on Social Procurement (a project supported amongst others by the European Commission, SAP and the World Economic Forum COVID Response Alliance for Social Entrepreneurs)
- Co-build and further expand with two EN Project Officers and the SEWF team the global library on Social and Environmental Procurement hosted on the SEWF and EN platforms
- Support the European Community of Practice, led by EN members and supported by the European Commission, with agenda setting, meeting preparations, drafting minutes, follow-up on actions set. EN members you will help support include Social Enterprise NL with its [Buy Social NL program](#), Social Enterprise UK with its [Buy Social Corporate Challenge](#) and many more
- Support EN members in their Buy Social/Social Procurement activities and events
- Support development and execution of a global education and accelerator program with Yunus Social Business and Agora Partnerships, amongst other partners, helping social entrepreneurs to sell to corporates and corporates to buy from social entrepreneurs
- Help to develop proposals for new projects and initiatives to raise funds in line with needs of EN membership in terms of Buy Social/Social and Environmental Procurement;
- Support reporting on Buy Social and Social and Environmental Procurement activities to the European Commission, SAP, Yunus Social Business and the World Economic Forum COVID Response Alliance for Social Entrepreneurs.

Benefits

- The internship/ traineeship potentially can provide room to write your Master Thesis (depending on the topic)
- The employer is open to a flexible way to design the role (e.g. 0.8-1.0 full-time/ 32-40 hours p.m.)
- Work for a buzzing sector; social enterprises, social finance/ impact investing and impact measurement are the future
- Work purpose-driven to make a positive impact in the world
- Join projects that have the potential to transform the world and accelerate achieving the UN SDGs with leading organisations globally on the topic of social enterprise and change through transforming mainstream business for good
- Be part of an open and committed team
- Work in an international environment in every sense: international colleagues, international projects, international events
- Be part of an expanding scale-up with a recognized track record since 2007
- Amazing offices at Apollo 14, The Hague, the new building for entrepreneurs who contribute to a better world through technological and social innovations

- Combine remote and in-person office days during the work week
- Enjoy space for own initiative
- The employer can help with requesting an [Erasmus+ scholarship](#).

Education, desired skills and experience

- Pursuing/ Finishing Master's degree in a relevant subject (eg. business, supply chain, procurement, innovation, entrepreneurship, finance)
- Excellent command of English (both written and spoken)
- Strong networking and communication skills that allow you to manage and engage a diverse set of stakeholders
- Critical and structural analytical thinking ability
- Strong project management skills
- Great attention to detail
- Drive and determination to initiate action and achieve results quickly
- Ability to deliver results against pre-defined targets
- Ability to work both independently, remotely and with limited oversight and as part of an international team
- Visible ownership, initiative, and resilience, strong pro-active mindset. Drive and determination to initiate action and achieve results quickly
- Accuracy in communications and follow-up
- Analytical multi-taskers who consistently meet deadlines and adapt well to change over the scope of a project or program
- European outlook, intercultural skills and international experience
- Preferably a prior understanding of social entrepreneurship and social innovation
- Prior working experience with the European Commission, European proposal writing is a plus, not a must
- Master's degree in a relevant field and/or track record in supply chain management, corporate engagement, procurement, innovation (work related, volunteer and/or extra-curricular)

How to apply

Please apply with a letter of motivation (1 page) setting out how you meet the essential criteria above, two references, and a CV (max 2 pages) in single PDF document latest Monday 6 December 23:59pm. Email us at wieteke.dupain@euclidnetwork.eu. Applications will be selected on a rolling basis. The appointed candidate will be expected to start as soon as possible.