

Training Opportunity for Portuguese Trainees

Reference	Title	Duty Station
PT-2016-DGC-DC	Research Analyst in legal, economical and business matters in the Sustainable Development Coordination Office	ESA/ HQ, Paris

Overview of the unit's mission:

At the European Space Agency, the Coordination Office on Sustainable Development's mission is to contribute to achieve a more environmentally, socially and economically responsible ESA. The European Space Agency has indeed the ambition to become a model agency for clean responsible and sustainable space activities. To this end, the Office has a role of policy elaboration and support to implementation with all ESA Directorates (programme and support ones), of creation and exploitation of synergies with internal and external stakeholders, and of communication and reporting.

Overview of the field of activity proposed:

Although Sustainable Development encompasses 3 pillars (environment, economy and social), the activity proposed will focus above all on legal, economical and business-oriented topics in the context of Sustainable Development.

Firstly, it is proposed to create and maintain an "observatory" function of legal, economic and political information data with regard to Sustainable Development both at European and international levels. This function will allow the Coordination Office to have the necessary and comprehensive basis of information to help and follow and even anticipate the trends so that ESA could adopt and implement the best framework in the sustainability field in the space sector.

In parallel to the creation of this 'observatory' function, the Coordination Office will support the elaboration of the "Responsible" Procurement policy for ESA and its industrial partners including the supply-chain, products aspects. This implies in particular targeted discussions with the Directorates concerned, the contribution to official documents for ESA's governing bodies as well as to related policy implementation plans. In addition, and in order to be in line with business development and global evolution, specific studies and actions will be conducted.

Lastly, as Sustainable Development is also a way to give new orientations including business models to Society in particular at European level, prospective studies as well as financial analysis will be conducted to support the overall SD policy implementation for the Agency and for the space sector.

Required education:

The applicant should have a University degree in Law, Political Science and/ or Economics or Business. A sound knowledge in Corporate Social Responsibility as well as in performance indicators in this domain would be an asset. A combined awareness and interest in space activities as well as a motivation to work in the space environment should be argued. Daily working languages at ESA are English and/ or French.