

The Waterborne Technology Platform is looking for a Communications Trainee

WATERBORNE is an industry-oriented Technology Platform to establish a continuous dialogue between all waterborne stakeholders, such as classification societies, shipbuilders, shipowners, maritime equipment manufacturers, infrastructure and service providers, universities or research institutes, and with the EU Institutions, including Member States.

Purpose of the job

As a Communications Trainee, you will support both internal and external communication efforts to enhance the visibility and impact of the Waterborne Technology Platform.

Your role will be split into two key areas:

- **Internal Communication** – Engaging with our members, keeping them informed, fostering collaboration, and strengthening our community.
- **External Communication** – Focused on two pillars:
 - Key Stakeholders – Engaging with EU policymakers, industry leaders, and research institutions.
 - Wider Outreach – Communicating our vision and initiatives beyond core stakeholders to raise awareness and increase impact.

Your work will directly contribute to advancing research, innovation, and policy for a sustainable and competitive waterborne transport sector.

You will assist in **content creation**, **stakeholder engagement**, and **advocacy efforts**, helping to communicate our vision to policymakers, industry leaders, and the wider public. Through this role, you will gain valuable hands-on experience in EU policy, communications strategy, and event organisation, contributing to high-level discussions on **sustainable mobility** and **technological advancements** in the waterborne transport sector.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone passionate about **EU politics**, **sustainability**, and **strategic communications** who wants to make an impact at the intersection of **policy**, **technology**, **environmental action**, **digitalisation**, and **competitiveness**.

Your responsibilities

- **Content Creation & Communication**
 - Assist in the development of internal and external communication strategies to strengthen engagement with members and key stakeholders.
 - Support the drafting, conceptualisation, and production of engaging content for external communication channels, including website updates, newsletters, and social media.
 - Contribute to the creation of key messages and advocacy materials to enhance Waterborne's visibility and influence among policymakers, industry leaders, and the wider public.
 - Help coordinate stakeholder engagement efforts, ensuring effective communication with EU institutions, industry partners, and research organisations.
- **Social Media & Outreach**
 - Contribute to social media strategy and execution, ensuring effective dissemination of Waterborne's activities and policy developments.
 - Monitor and analyse engagement to optimise content and outreach.



This role offers a unique opportunity to work at the intersection of policy, innovation, and communication, shaping the narrative around sustainable and competitive waterborne transport.

Your profile – Who We're Looking For

Are you passionate about EU policy, climate action, and impactful communication? We're looking for a motivated and dynamic individual who thrives in a fast-paced, international environment and is eager to contribute to the future of waterborne transport.

Your Background & Skills

- Currently enrolled in a university degree in International Relations, Political Science, European Law, Economics, Public Administration, Communication Studies or a related field.
- Strong understanding of EU and international politics, with familiarity with the workings of European institutions.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English (additional European languages are a plus!).
- A natural communicator – approachable, collaborative, and able to craft compelling messages.

What We Offer – A Unique Opportunity to Grow & Make an Impact

- A Dynamic & Supportive Work Environment – Join a growing non-profit at the heart of EU policy, where innovation, collaboration, and flexibility are key. Work in a stimulating, multicultural setting with a team passionate about the future of waterborne transport.
- Hands-On Experience & Professional Growth – Gain practical, real-world experience in communications, advocacy, and policy within a truly international environment. You'll work alongside experienced professionals who will mentor and support your development.
- Deep Dive into EU Policy & Waterborne Transport Affairs – Learn first-hand about EU institutions, policy-making, and sustainability initiatives while building expertise in the waterborne transport sector.
- Competitive Benefits Package.

The position is based in Central Brussels, full time.

We offer a determined traineeship of max. 6 months starting in September 2025.

How to apply

Send the following to the Financial Manager of Waterborne, Véronique Verhoeven, veronique.verhoeven@waterborne.eu, with the subject line "Traineeship Application - Name SURNAME"

- Your CV
- A cover letter explaining your motivation for this position.

The final deadline for applications is 15 May 2025. Interviews are expected to take place in June 2025.

Please be informed that you are only allowed to apply for this traineeship if you are currently enrolled as a student or graduated not longer than six months ago from the start of your traineeship.