

Training Opportunity for Belgian National Trainees

Reference	Title	Duty Station
BE-2023-ELI-EUB	ESA-EU Relations Coordination	ESA Brussels Office
<p><u>Overview of the mission:</u></p> <p>ESA's Brussels Office is located in the heart of the European quarter in Brussels. Its staff members monitor and report on the development and implementation of European space policy and work with ESA Directorates to represent the Agency's interests within those institutions. It also liaises with national Permanent Representations to the European Union and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ensure that ESA's views are continuously voiced in the decision-making process. Thus, it advises on suitable policy regarding ESA's commitments to European Commission activities and the strengthening of relations with the Commissioners and the Directorates General of the Commission, the Cabinets, the European Parliament and its Committees, the EU Council and the European Council, and relevant EU agencies.</p> <p>In carrying out its activities, the Office reports to the Director of European, Legal and International Matters and coordinates closely with all ESA directorates, including by providing support in the implementation of programme activities.</p> <p>You are encouraged to visit the ESA website: http://www.esa.int</p>		
<p><u>Overview of the field of activity proposed:</u></p> <p>In his Agenda 2025, ESA's Director General proposes five priorities, one of which is the strengthening of ESA-EU relations. The approval last year of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement between the European Commission, the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA) and ESA is an important milestone to bring about a fresh start in the reinforcement of the cooperation between the EU and ESA and sets the scene for a series of meetings with important ramifications for the future of ESA.</p> <p>As a Belgian National Trainee, you will be responsible for the preparation of an in-depth assessment of ESA's experience in working with or for the EU on highly diverse types of cooperation over a period of almost 30 years. This assessment will support the continuation of Galileo and Copernicus and guide the stakeholders in the identification of future new flagships and potential new partnerships, such as the proposed secure connectivity capability and the Competitive Space Start-ups for Innovation (CASSINI) initiative to support SMEs and industrial competitiveness.</p> <p>The analysis of current cooperation, leading to the identification of future opportunities, will be performed in close coordination with your tutor. In this field of activity, you will have the opportunity to deepen knowledge of ESA-EU relations and EU space policy and develop analytical and synthesis skills.</p>		

Required education and skills:

- You should have just completed, or be in the final year of a university course at Master's level in economics, political science or other related fields of study.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment, both independently and as part of a team
- Fluency in English and/or French, the working languages of the Agency