6-month internship position

Statistical data analysis of the European inland shipping sector, focus on new markets

The Organisation

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that plays a key role in the navigation of the Rhine. Its main objectives are to ensure good navigation conditions on the Rhine and to promote shipping that is safe and respectful of the environment on the waterways. It is active in technical, legal, economic, social and environmental domains. Many of the CCNR’s activities now go beyond the Rhine itself and encompass European inland navigation in the broadest sense.

The CCNR is composed of five Member States (Germany, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland) and works more and more closely with the European Commission, as well as with other river commissions and international organisations, along with Observer States and organisations that represent the sector.

The CCNR is seeking to recruit for its Secretariat located in Strasbourg and made up of an international team of 38 persons, an intern to support work linked to the inland waterways market observation areas, and more specifically collecting and analysing statistical data, focused on new markets.

CCNR and Market Observation activity description

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the Central Commission’s activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The Central Commission works closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.

The market observation and market insight are respectively annual and quarterly publications by the CCNR dealing with the European inland navigation market. The gathering and analysis of these data by the CCNR has been co-financed by the European Commission since 2005.

Internship description

The intern work will be fully integrated in the frame of the Market Observation activity. The Market Observation reports contain very detailed information on the inland navigation market and the intern will contribute to their content. Within the internship, there are two main tasks, which are described below.

1) Assistance in collecting and analysing statistical data for the annual report 2021

The data collection and analysis will take place in the framework of the annual report 2021, focusing on various aspects of inland waterway transport in Europe. The report is planned to be published in September 2021.

- Collection and analysis of statistical data from Eurostat, national statistical offices, waterway administrations and other organisations
- Analysis of specific market segments (e.g. container transport, grain transport, etc.) for the outlook chapter
2) **Assistance in collecting statistical data and in gathering qualitative information (via interviews, literature, etc.) for a report about new markets in inland navigation**

The report will address new markets for inland waterway transport and is planned to be published at the end of 2021 or at the beginning of 2022. The following new markets will be addressed in the report:

- Waterway logistics in urban agglomerations
- Transport of renewable energies (biomass, biofuel, etc.)
- Circular economy and waterway transport

**Other tasks**: The intern will also assist in quality checks of market reports and in the creation of excel databases.

The intern is expected to carry his/her tasks in close cooperation with the market observation team of the CCNR. The trainee will receive guidance in order to carry out his/her tasks.

The person applying for the post should ideally have the following skills:

**Content related skills**
- Basic understanding of economic aspects of the transport sector
- Basic understanding of logistical supply chains
- Basic understanding of climate change and environmental aspects of the transport sector
- Strong interest in environmental topics
- Good or advanced knowledge of the energy sector and of renewable energies would be an asset

**Empirical Research Skills**
- Ability to work with large datasets (understanding underlying patterns of data)
- Ability to conduct quantitative as well as qualitative research
- Ability to conduct interviews with important actors from inland ports, research units, etc.

**Personal skills**
- Research orientated mindset
- Ability to work autonomously as well as inside a team
- Good style of communication and good writing skills
- Motivation to work in an international environment
- Profound oral and written language capacities in English
- Good oral and written language capacities in Dutch or French or German

**Conditions:**
- Six or (preferably) seven months internship from April 2021 to September/October 2021 (some flexibility with the internship period is possible).
- Attractive internship remuneration (around 1000€ per month + meal vouchers).
- Office located in Palais du Rhin, 2, Place de la République, F-67082 Strasbourg / France or home office
- Full integration in the Market Observation team and impact on edition of reports.

Please send a cover letter and a CV **before 25th March 2021** to the following email address: career@ccr-zkr.org