

Training opportunity for graduates/young professionals from Switzerland

Reference	Title	Duty Station
CH-2020-DG-SM	Associate Strategy Analysis	ESRIN
<p><u>Overview of the unit's mission:</u></p> <p>The Office for Member States Relations and Partnerships (DG-SM) is part of the ESA Strategy Department. It maintains close contact with all 22 ESA Member States delegations, preparing visits of the ESA Director General in the various countries either at Minister level and high-level representatives of Member States, or for national space related events to reach out to various audiences (space experts, general public, university students) and of Ministers to ESA; it monitors, in close liaison with the programme and support directorates (EOP, HRE, TIA, NAV, SCI, STS, TEC, OPS...) the participation of the Member States in ESA programmes and their level of satisfaction wrt this participation. It also monitors the national space programmes and policies. Together with interested Member States, the Office is conducting transverse initiatives (Arctic, Antarctic, Oceans, Alps, Africa, SDGs...) with several tasks forces (Arctic, Blue Worlds) in order to identify Member States' space needs in given non-space areas. Via its Space for Earth initiative and webpage, the Office also maintains a Catalogue of existing ESA space technologies answering the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. It develops new tools (e.g. ESA_Lab@) and supports partnerships (e.g. European Interparliamentary Space Conference) to enhance ESA footprint/influence in our Member States.</p>		
<p><u>Overview of the field of activity proposed:</u></p> <p>You will be integrated in the Office according to your education and experience, as well as the priorities of the Office at the time of the training opportunity. Your tasks will be streamlined along the following axis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the assessment of evolutions in the space sector and potential/future activities for Member States' investments in Space via ESA. • Support maintaining a strategic observatory on Member States, monitoring in particular their political evolution, economic situation, national space and non-space plans/policy and their trends in contributions to ESA programmes, to be used as background information for supporting preparation of decision making as well as identification and elaboration of policy and strategic initiatives for the ESA DG. • Support performing ad-hoc studies and policy analysis in support of the Office activities. • Identify activities and programmes, both of ESA and main partners, that are relevant to identified major global and regional challenges/thematic areas. • Maintain and enlarge the online catalogue of ESA activities supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals, proposing improvements to be developed and implemented as applicable. • Maintain the Partnerships Catalogue at corporate level & support the elaboration of new partnerships with non-space entities. • Support the preparation of files and maintenance of the DG-SM web pages. <p>Keywords: strategy, policy, economy</p> <p>You are encouraged to visit the ESA website: www.esa.int/esa</p>		
<p><u>Required education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master-level Degree in a technical, scientific, socio-economic, policy or legal discipline. • Good knowledge of the space sector players and policies, both at international and national level, including at EU level, together with basic understanding of space activities as seen from a user point of view. • Experience in data collection and analysis, being resourceful in identifying sources and pro-active in proposing new approaches. Publications relevant to space matters and experience in drafting policy papers will be considered an important asset. • Some experience in web publishing will be appreciated. • Good interpersonal and communication skills; • Ability to work in a multicultural environment, autonomously and as part of a team; • Fluency in English and/or French, the working languages of the agency. 		