



The European Association for Bioindustries

Stage EuropaBio, SME Platform and National Associations Council

About EuropaBio

EuropaBio is the European Association for Bioindustries, bringing together bioscience companies from all fields of research and development, testing, manufacturing and distribution of biotechnology products. It has 74 corporate and 8 associated members, 4 BioRegions and 26 national biotechnology associations representing some 1800 small and medium sized enterprises.

We currently have around 15 staff members from all over Europe. To this comes a number of stagiaires – typically, we have 3-4 stagiaires in the office at one time, one in each section.

About the SME Platform

To help biotech SMEs weather the economic storm, EuropaBio has established an SME Platform which is working together with stakeholders to provide policy makers with recommendations on how to best tackle the issue of access to finance in the biotech industry. The Platform brings together SMEs, national biotech industry associations, venture capitalists and financing bodies and other stakeholders. It is dedicated to highlighting the concrete financial constraints that biotech SMEs face, and also offer suggestions on optimising EU funding instruments for biotech SMEs.

About the National Associations Council (NAC)

The National Associations Council is a platform that brings together all EuropaBio's National Associations and helps to ensure coordination of EuropaBio actions throughout Europe. The NAC also gives a focus to developing Europe's biotech sector and strengthening its scope both in Europe and internationally. It currently consists of 26 national biotech associations from all over Europe.

Tasks/Projects

We are a small team, so you will have the opportunity to gain very good all-round-insight into the topics we deal with, and work on a variety of projects. Depending on your interests and background, we can shape the internship to make sure both we and you get the most out of it.

Non-exhaustive list of tasks you are likely to be working on include:

- Updating the action and communication plan for the NAC
- Advising on input/next steps for the SME Platform
- Updating the EuropaBio webpage and extranet sections on the NAC and SME Platform
- Assist in the organization/facilitation of events/meetings with the Commission and European Parliament and other relevant stakeholders
- Assist in the research and preparation of position papers on topics of relevance to the SME Platform/NAC

- Participate and report back on meetings/workshops of interest to our Members
- Help organize the yearly NAC event 'Brussels Day'

Candidate Profile

- **Must be a current student with a 'convention de stage' from your university (i.e. the internship is obligatory for your studies)**
- **Must be from an EU country or have permission to work in the EU**
- Knowledge of European Affairs
- Preferably some economic background
- Interest in Biotechnology and Research Policy,
- Good level of English, spoken and written (office language)
- Multiple EU languages a plus, Polish or Hungarian a big bonus
- Good communication skills, good team player
- Can-do attitude, outgoing personality
- Strong computer skills. Experience in developing & updating websites a plus
- Good writing skills
- Ability to work to tight deadlines, structured

What do you get from us?

- The opportunity to gain a real insight into the biotechnology sector
- A chance to work in a young, dynamic, informal international office
- Plenty of opportunities to attend workshops, briefings, meetings, etc with policy makers and other interest organisations
- If you are currently residing outside Belgium, we will be able to offer you a small stipend of 400 euros/month to cover some of your living costs.

When should you be able to start?

- We would prefer you to be able to start in late August 2010, but the start date can be negotiated.
- Length of stage preferably 4-6 months to allow you to really get into the work and build some expertise

Further questions?

You check out our webpage: www.europabio.org

To apply

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