



Are you active in a municipality or municipal institution and pursuing social, ecological and economic sustainability goals? Would you like to offer young people dedicated to fair and sustainable development, a project internship including concrete tasks? We want to promote cooperation at the municipal level and support municipalities to expand their activities in the field of development and sustainability policies. From May to July, you have the opportunity to propose project internships for the ASA program 2018.

ASA-Municipal

ASA-Municipal is offered by ASA program and the Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) within the scope of municipal development work. The partner organisations are municipal actors working within city and municipal partnerships. ASA-Municipal is not only aimed at municipalities but also at municipal institutions and cooperating organisations. You can propose, implement and undertake projects provided that they are done on behalf of municipalities.

Course of the program

ASA-Municipal is available in basic and global program formats.

In the basic format, after several days doing a guest traineeship at the German municipality, participants from Germany work three months in a partner municipality in a country of Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe.

In the global format, before their three-month stay in the partner municipality in a country of the Global South, participants spend three months in the German partner municipality. Participants from Germany and a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe, go through the six-month project internship, as well as the seminars, together as an international team.

ASA-Municipal offers to municipal partnerships

- The collaboration of qualified and engaged young people, who support your projects with an active contribution to municipality's project goals, and want to participate actively, learn and engage in global issues.
- The opportunity to strengthen municipal partnerships through professional and personal exchange, as well as support for your development education and project work.
- The opportunity to enter into a joint learning and reflection process with participants, to reflect on development activities in the context of current development policy discourse and to receive thematic stimulations and impulses.
- The chance to get young members of society enthusiastic about global interdependencies and municipal development policy issues while gaining young multipliers for your partnership and municipal engagement.

ASA program calendar

15 July 2017

Deadline for project proposals

Mid October 2017

Project selection by the ASA program and SKEW

20 November 2017 to 10 January 2018

Interested young professionals and students are eligible to apply. The municipal actors support the promotion of their projects within their surroundings in order to find suitable participants.

Only in the global format: The partner organisations in the Global South select the participants from their municipalities.

January and February 2018

Selection of participants from Germany

April to June 2018

Participants attend two seminars and an ASA-Municipal networking meeting in Germany.

Only in the basic format: participants do a guest traineeship for several days in the German municipality.

Only in the global format: Three-month project internship in the German municipality.

Between July and November 2018

Start of the three-month project internship in the partner municipality in a country of the Global South.

February and March 2019

ASA seminar for participants from Germany: Reflection on the stay in the Global South, exchange about future engagement and networking.

Who are the ASA participants?

Young people between the ages of 21 and 30 who have completed their vocational training or are currently studying in Germany or the German-speaking Community of Belgium may apply. German citizens living abroad and applicants whose Bachelor degree is not older than 18 months are also eligible. In the global format, the participants from the partner municipality are 21 to 35 years old and should be directly connected to the partner organization. ASA participants are no development experts, but socially committed, wishing to stand up for fair and sustainable development.

Contribution of the ASA program

- If requested, we can advise you on the elaboration and development of your project proposal.
- We call for applicants in Germany, manage the application process, and select engaged participants in a tried-and-tested selection process.
- We support the learning and preparation process of participants through ASA seminars during which participants are supported intensively by tutors: Topics of the seminars include team building, project management, intercultural communication, sensitisation to privilege and racism, global interdependencies and self reflection.

Your contribution

- You develop the project proposal together with your partner municipality.
- You support the participants with country entrance formalities (e.g. visa application).
- As the partner in Germany, you support the acquisition and selection of applicants in Germany.
- You supervise the ASA participants in Germany and abroad and provide appropriate conditions for the project work.
- You support the project team professionally and organisationally in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the project phase. You also provide the necessary material resources. The ASA program is unable to provide any support here – neither financial nor material.

Only in the global format:

- As the partner organisation in the Global South, you take on the acquisition and selection of applicants in your country.
- As the partner organisation in Germany, you support the participants from the partner country with entrance to the country (booking flights and applying for visas), provide accommodation and help with the linguistic obstacles of the stay.

More information can be found at:

skew.engagement-global.de/asa-kommunal.html
www.asa-programm.de

Financing

Project internship in countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South Eastern Europe:

The participants from Germany receive an average partial bursary of €2300 from the ASA program to support the cost of living. In the global format, participants from countries of the Global South receive an allowance of approx. €150 per month for the project phase in their own country.

Project internship in Germany (in the global format)

In the global format, the ASA program supports the participants from countries of the Global South with €814 per month. Additional costs incl. flight costs for participants from the partner countries (total of at least 25% of the costs incurred or at least 814 euros per participant from the partner country) must be borne by the partner organisations in Germany. Participants from Germany receive a bursary of up to €814.

For detailed information on financing in the global format, please refer to the finances fact sheet.

Examples of ASA projects

- Improving internal and external knowledge about the municipal effects of climate change in the partner cities of Alajuuela and Lahr.
- Study project on German colonial history in Mwanza, Tanzania.
- What to do with waste oil? Theory and practice of proper handling of pollutants in Bremen and Windhoek.

Involved programs

The ASA program is a learning and qualification program dedicated to development education based in Germany. It is aimed at young people who want to understand global interdependencies, ask critical questions and campaign for a just world. Mutual learning and responsible social action for sustainable development and fair global cooperation are at the heart of the program.

The Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) is the competence centre for municipal development policy in Germany. It supports municipal actors in their development-related engagement through qualification, networking, informational and consulting services, and provides financial and human resources support for international municipal relationship.

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