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Establishing the basis for environmental benchmarking between organisations in the context of the Organisation Environmental Footprint

Position for:

Trainee

Short description of activity:

The internship focuses on assisting the investigation of the possibilities to establish environmental benchmarking between organisations in the same sector in the context of the Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEF).

Support to the investigation of the application of the EC Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEF) (Annex III to Recommendation 2013/179/EU) with focus on necessary provisions regarding the environmental benchmarking between organisations. One of the objectives of the OEF is to strive for establishing benchmarks that would allow a comparison of similar organisations within one sector on environmental performance indicators. While benchmarking is applied to products (e.g. energy labelling) it is less common on the level of organisations. This is amongst others due to the very heterogeneous nature of organisations versus products. Specific focus of the traineeship should lie on assisting to evaluate different options to identify relevant economic indicators as reference for benchmarks such as net sales, turn over, net earnings, or number of employees that could be used in the OEF context. Support to review of existing environmental benchmarking schemes should be conducted, such as the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, the work of the World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WRI/WBCSD), UNEP Finance Initiative and the Principles for Responsible Investment.

The results should contribute to a better

	<p>understanding of the possibilities and problems in including economic figures as basis for comparing the environmental performance of organisations.</p> <p>Qualifications: The candidate shall have interest and knowledge in economics (preferably at the level of bachelor or master degree) and have general knowledge of the Organisation Environmental Footprint. Good knowledge of written and spoken English (level B2) is mandatory.</p> <p><u>For general eligibility requirements, please read the rules governing the traineeship scheme of the JRC:</u></p> <p>https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/jrc-trainees</p>
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Indicative duration	5 months
Preferred starting date	As soon as possible
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Country	Italy
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