

Dear Sir / Madam,

we are happy to invite you to collaborate in our **ADRIA Internship Programme!**

ADRIA Internship Programme was launched in 2019 as a pilot programme by [EIT RawMaterials Hub Regional Centre Adria \(RCA\)](#).

The Programme is being implemented by one of the HUB partners - the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mining, Geology and Petroleum Engineering (UNIZG-RGNF), with the aim to meet the following objectives:

- to improve professional opportunities for the students of sector related studies in the ADRIA region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia),
- to enable early cooperation between the students and the industry, thus familiarising the future young professionals with real-life challenges,
- to establish valuable connections between the educational institutions and the industry, thus helping to build more market compliant educational programmes in the future.

Within this scope, the programme has been carried out throughout 2019 and 2020.

During the two-year pilot implementation period, the following was achieved:

- two permanent annual Calls for applications were launched, with additional Call for Virtual ADRIA Internship (as response to Covid19 crises in 2020),
- 20 students have been successfully matched with 16 organisations in 2019, resulting in a total of 29 months of Internship and 20.000 euro of ADRIA Scholarships paid by UNIZG-RGNF,
- In 2020 the number of available months and companies increased, with still ongoing Call for applications until the end of the year,
- 100% of participants have expressed satisfaction with the implemented Internships, with major part of them re-applying for the second year in a row: <https://wordpress.com/block-editor/page/adriainternship.wordpress.com/54> .

Hereby we invite you to spread the word about the programme among your students and industry/research partners. All the information about the internship can be found here at <https://adriainternship.wordpress.com> . More specifically:

- a. Student application procedure can be found at: <https://adriainternship.wordpress.com/students/>
- b. Companies application procedure can be found at: <https://adriainternship.wordpress.com/organisations-businesses/>

Unfortunately, so far North Macedonia has not been represented in the Programme, nor by the students nor the companies, although they are eligible.

Please, help us to change that and introduce this opportunity to the potential participants in your country. We count on Universities, as bridges between the Interns and the organisations, to help us in promoting the Programme. However, your University (i.e. specific Faculty or Institute) can also apply to be a host-organisation.

Therefore, we invite you to:

- Promote the internship on your website, social networks, University facilities, aiming at recruiting students,

- Promote the Internship to organisations in the raw materials sector in North Macedonia and other faculties, in line with the requirements of the Programme,
- Participate in the Internship as host organisation.

The administrative procedure related to the Programme is simple and all information are provided at the website (in the Call documents).

However, for any additional information – I stand at your disposal.

The nearest deadline for the applications is 1st of September, so we would be grateful for your response and any swift action. Thank you!

Best regards,

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