



ASA-Municipal

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 August, you have the opportunity to propose project internships for the ASA Programme 2019.

What is ASA-Municipal?

ASA-Municipal is offered by ASA Programme 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 programme

ASA-Municipal is available in basic and global programme 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 Southeast 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 programme calendar

15 August 2018: Deadline for project proposals

Mid October 2018: Project selection by the ASA Programme and SKEW

20 November 2018 to 10 January 2019: 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 Africa, Asia, Latin America or Southeast Europe select the participants from their municipalities.

January and February 2019: Selection of participants from Germany

April to June 2019: 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 2019: Start of the three-month project internship in the partner municipality in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or Southeast Europe.

February and March 2020: ASA seminar for participants from Germany: Reflection on the stay in the in Africa, Asia, Latin America or Southeast Europe, 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 organisation. ASA participants are no development experts, but socially committed, wishing to stand up for fair and sustainable development.

Contribution of the ASA-Municipal programme

- 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 Programme is unable to provide any support here – neither financial nor material.

Only in the global format:

- As the partner organisation in Africa, Asia, Latin America or Southeast Europe, 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 in regards to entrance to the country (booking flights and applying for visas), provision of accommodation and help with the linguistic obstacles of the stay.

Examples of ASA-Municipal projects

- Improving internal and external knowledge about the municipal effects of climate change in the partner cities of Alajuela, Costa Rica and Lahr, Germany.
- 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, Germany and Windhoek, Namibia.

Financing

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

The participants from Germany receive an average partial bursary of €1800 from the ASA Programme to support the cost of living. The following applies additionally for ASA global:

Participants from the partner countries receive an allowance of approx. €600 per month for the project phase in their own country.

Project internship in Germany (in the global format)

In the global format, the ASA Programme supports the participants from countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South-Eastern Europe country in the Global South with 814 euros per month. The participants from Germany are supported with up to 822 euros per month. The ASA funding only represents partial financing of the internship phase in Germany.

Additional costs incl. the cost of flights for participants from the partner countries must be borne by the participating partner organisations in Germany.

Involved programmes

The **ASA Programme** is a learning and capacity-building programme 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 programme.

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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More information can be found at:

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