

AGE - The European Older People's Platform

Organisational Profile

AGE - the European Older People's Platform, brings together seniors' organisations, and other civil society organisations working with and for older people from across the European Union to give a strong and credible voice to the views, needs and interests of older and retired people at national and European level.

Since its creation in January 2001, AGE aims to voice and promote the interests of the 150 million inhabitants aged 50+ in the European Union. AGE aims to act as a bridge between its member associations and the EU Institutions, supporting its members in their daily advocacy activities at national level, actively representing their interests and agreed policy positions at European level, and raising awareness of the issues that truly concern older people.

AGE is a non-profit making international association, financed by membership fees and subsidies from the European Commission.

Internship Profile

To assist the AGE secretariat in its daily tasks and provide support to the overall social policy and advocacy activities of the organisation. This internship is open to students interested in social and economic policies, European Union issues and communications. Depending on the profile of the intern, the internship programme will include some of the following tasks:

- monitoring and reporting on EU policy development relevant to older people, in particular on EU social and economic policies and other initiatives on ageing;
- Contributing to AGE's information tools, including updating the website and the electronic mail systems;
- Contributing to AGE communication tools: writing articles for AGE monthly newsletter (CoverAGE), leaflets and publications;
- Participating in some conferences and debates at EU level whenever appropriate (European Parliament Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Commission, Social NGOs meetings etc.) and reporting back to the policy officers;
- Preparing and contributing to the relevant AGE meetings on researched topic (expert groups, Council of administration).

Intern Profile

The intern will be given the possibility to become accustomed with an EU NGO lobbying activities. Requirements:

- Some knowledge of the European institutions and procedures;
- Interest in issues related to ageing and demographic challenge (equal opportunities, human rights, pensions, social inclusion, health and long term care, transport, digital divide, employment of older workers and active ageing, intergenerational solidarity, etc.);
- Well-developed writing skills and some experience in making oral presentations;
- Well-developed research skills;
- Fluency in English with distinctive and proven writing skills. Fluency in other EU languages is a distinct advantage;
- Ability to work independently and prioritise own work;
- Good computer skills;
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment
- Respect for confidentiality.