Policy and communication student (curricula) internship offer

CIDSE is an international family of Catholic social justice organisations. We work with global partners and allies to promote justice, harnessing the power of global solidarity to bring about transformative change for people and the planet. We challenge systemic injustice and its destructive impacts by connecting, mobilising, influencing, and telling stories of change. We promote socially and environmentally just alternatives that allow all to thrive in our common home.

The CIDSE Secretariat, located in Brussels, is opening a:

Corporate Power and Communications Internship Position (unpaid – part of student curricula)

The intern will support CIDSE's Corporate Power Policy Officer with a particular focus on the EU's Global Gateway strategy project. Global Gateway is the EU strategy for mobilising public and private investment in partner countries, including in areas such as energy, transport, digital, health and education. As part of the internship, the intern will contribute to research on the impact of Global Gateway in Latin America, drawing on two case studies from CIDSE partner organisations. This will provide an opportunity to develop research skills, gain first-hand experience of EU investment policies, and translate research findings into advocacy and communication outputs such as preparing content and helping disseminate key messages related to the project. Any communications tasks will be closely linked to and support the objectives of the Corporate Power Working Group, with guidance from the Communications team.

This internship must be part of a formal academic curriculum. The **position is 4/5 and is carried out in our Brussels office. Partial remote collaboration can be an option.**

Objectives and Tasks

Corporate Power Advocacy project (80%)

- **Process and analyse** information of two selected case studies from CIDSE's member organisations' partners who will participate in the CIDSE Global Gateway Training in Peru. The case studies should be built on information provided by the partners and desk research by the student.
- **Support organising** a high-level dialogue with policymakers together with the EU LAC network where we can present the cases.
- Possibility to **support with the logistics** for the organisation of a workshop in Honduras.

Communications tasks (20%)

- **Contribute to the drafting of social media posts related to the CIDSE Global Gateway Project** (captions, visuals, hashtags) aligned with CIDSE's tone, messaging, and advocacy priorities.
- **Support the creation of visual assets** such as banners, flyers, carousels and short videos/reels using Canva Pro.
- **Support live coverage** of key advocacy moments (events, conferences, campaign launches) by preparing real-time content or scheduled posts.
- **Support in preparing website articles** related to the CIDSE Global Gateway Project.
- **Adapt content for different platforms** (X, BlueSky, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn), ensuring each format meets platform best practices.

Profile and Qualifications

- Political or Social Sciences background with a strong interest in conducting qualitative research.
- Basic knowledge of the EU institutions.
- Strong interest in communications and ability to translate complex information into visuals (social media, design).
- Comfortable working within a network of organisations.
- Familiarity with or interest in faith-based environments and CIDSE's mission and values.
- Excellent level of spoken and written Spanish and English. French will be an asset.
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft 365 applications
- Basic knowledge of Canva, AI tools, social media platforms, Zoom.
- Creativity, attention to detail, autonomy, and initiative.
- Ability to manage several tasks and meet deadlines.

Timeline

- **Internship duration:** 3 to 5 months starting in March 2027.

CIDSE Offers

- Practical experience in researching EU policies and their impact in partner countries, with a focus on Global Gateway and Latin America.
- Exposure to advocacy and communications work within an international organisation working across multiple countries and languages.
- Access to CIDSE's international network, including staff, partners and events in Brussels and beyond.
- Regular feedback and guidance from an experienced Policy Officer throughout the internship.
- The opportunity to work in an international organisation with a dynamic, multicultural team.
- A meaningful learning experience within a global Catholic social justice network.
- The chance to contribute to research and advocacy on issues affecting communities and civil society organisations in Latin America.

Practical Requirements

- The placement **must be compulsory and undertaken as part of a degree programme**.
- The placement will be formalised through a **tripartite convention between the educational institution, the student and the organisation**.
- You must be a **resident of Belgium or hold a right of residence for study purposes**.
- In accordance with Belgian law, the internship will be unpaid unless the university internship agreement expressly provides for the payment of a modest lump-sum allowance.
- The intern will be supervised by the Corporate Regulation Officer and will receive regular check-ins and feedback throughout the placement and by the Communications team.

How to Apply

Please send your **CV** (no-photo) and **cover letter** by **23 November 2026 noon** to **recruitment@cidse.org.**
Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews. Interviews will likely be held between 2 and 7 December 2026.
For more information about CIDSE, please visit the CIDSE website at: www.cidse.org