**Annex IV**

**EULEX KOSOVO Internship Programme**

The below articles outline the rules and procedures for the EULEX KOSOVO Internship Programme.

**The internship period is 1st February – 31 May, 2013**

**1 - Purpose**

The purpose of the internship with EULEX KOSOVO shall be:

1. to give interns a specific understanding of the objectives and challenges the implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and its biggest CSDP Civilian Mission – EULEX KOSOVO;
2. to provide interns with specific knowledge of the working of the EULEX KOSOVO Mission;
3. to develop the interns personal and professional expertise;
4. to enable interns to further and put into practice the knowledge they have acquired during their studies or previous professional careers;
5. to give EULEX KOSOVO contributions and productive (value-added) outcomes that exceeds the endeavour and costs of the programme itself;
6. to potentially create a pool of young and mission-experienced candidates for possible future engagement in CSDP and other crisis-management missions;
7. to benefit from the input of young enthusiastic students who can provide a fresh point of view and up-to-date academic knowledge, thus enriching the everyday work of the Mission;
8. to further develop EULEX KOSOVO cooperation with the academic community and researchers;
9. to generally widen the interest for and raise awareness of, engagement in CSDP missions.
10. The Internship Program will NOT be an instrument to fill gaps or substitute the personnel resources needed in Force Generation

**2 - Participants**

The programme is aimed at academics and young professionals **from Member State and contributing third States** only.

The minimum eligibility **requirement is completed university** studies in duration of a minimum of three years). Enrolment in further studies leading to a Masters or PhD, or the equivalent in the area of studies, could be considered desirable, if deemed appropriate by the respective unit.

General requirements for the participants are the following:

* very good command of spoken and written English
* be able to work in a sometimes stressful and demanding environment
* highly motivated
* e-HEST completion

Admission to an internship shall not entitle interns to future employment or give them priority to be recruited for any of the positions in EULEX KOSOVO. No application as contracted staff should be allowed during the internship and within 6 months of its termination.

**Family members** of EULEX KOSOVO Mission Members will be eligible to apply under **same conditions and restrictions as regular staff members**. This means that, while it is not restricted for family members of existing EULEX Kosovo Mission Member to apply, interns should not be working in positions that would be under the supervision of their family member.

**3 - Application procedure**

The Internship positions will be launched through CPCC and communicated to MS and in addition published on the EULEX KOSOVO website. Interns can apply as sponsored by a national authority or as individual applicants, which must be indicated on the application form.

The application must consist of:

* A duly completed Internship Application form;
* References can be sought by the panel if needed.

Upon arrival, the interns have to present:

* a medical certificate
* a legible copy of a passport
* a copy of the University degree or equivalent held
* Proof of enrolment in a Master/PhD programme, if applicable

**4 - Selection**

Candidates should apply either directly or through their national authorities. The applications from the national authorities as well as of individual applicants shall be sent to the following e-mail only.

internship@eulex-kosovo.eu

The screening and shortlisting will be done by HR and the eligible applicants sent to the selection panel/receiving officers/supervisors for final selection.

**5 - Administrative arrangements**

**Check in**

On entry to the mission the Interns shall, “check-in”, including:

Register in the Personnel Database

Creation of an EULEX KOSOVO email account

Obtain Interns ID

Participate in the Induction Training.

Interns shall have the same working hours as EULEX KOSOVO staff.

Interns will not accrue AL/CTO but will be eligible for official EULEX KOSOVO holidays.

**6 - Access to working premises and assets**

It is the receiving office/supervisors responsibility to ensure that the intern has an appropriate working place, desk, chair, lamp, computer, radio and phone.

The interns will go through the regular check-in procedure.

Interns will not be granted pin to place international calls.

Interns will not have access to drive EULEX KOSOVO vehicles.

Upon completion of the Internship, the intern shall receive an EULEX KOSOVO Internship Certificate stating the office and duration of service of the Internship.

**7 – Administrative status**

The Intern shall be subject to the authority of the Head of Mission and the authority delegated by him to the Heads of Divisions and Offices.

An Internship contract covering the legal obligations of EULEX KOSOVO will be signed upon check in to the mission.

Interns are in particular, exempt from:

* VAT free import of private vehicle,
* privilege to drive mission vehicles,
* travel and other allowances,
* leave days,

**8 - Security**

Interns will only be deployed to Pristina region

All security arrangements for EULEX KOSOVO international staff will be applicable for EULEX KOSOVO interns. The interns will be included in the warden system.

The security kit, where appropriate, will also be issued to the interns under the same conditions applicable to the regular EULEX KOSOVO staff members.

* The supervisor/ mentor has to ensure that the intern will not have access to EU Classified Information, as well as personal and financial data.

**9 - Financial arrangements**

Interns shall receive an allowance of €500 per month, payable at the end of each month

It is the interns own responsibility to ensure if any allowance by the mission is taxable in the home country.

It is the interns own responsibility to cover all costs related to travel to and from the mission, housing costs, local transport, food and other costs associated with fulfilling the internship.

**10 – Insurances, Medical, etc**

EULEX KOSOVO will arrange for and pay a complementary insurance (Van Breda) for interns covering accidents when in the service of EULEX KOSOVO in Kosovo, if duly authorized as eligible cost. The insurance will only cover the duration of the internship.

The intern will have the same access to EULEX KOSOVO health care and hospital as regular EULEX KOSOVO staff, including MedEvac.

All other insurance coverage before and after the internship, is the responsibility of the intern.