

## World Bank Vienna Internship Program 2023

### Background

The World Bank Group (WBG) is one of the largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing countries; a unique global partnership of five institutions dedicated to ending extreme poverty, increasing shared prosperity, and promoting sustainable development. With 189 member countries and more than 120 offices worldwide, we work with public and private sector partners, investing in groundbreaking projects and using data, research, and technology to develop solutions to the most urgent global challenges. For more information, visit [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)

The WBG's office in Vienna started in 2004 with a small investment climate program and led to the establishment of an office in 2007. Our presence in Vienna has been growing significantly in recent years to currently about 250 staff from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank) which is the largest global development institution to support the public sector, and our sister organization, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) focused exclusively on the private sector.

### World Bank Vienna Internship Program

The World Bank in Vienna is offering qualified students the opportunity to participate in the World Bank Vienna Internship Program (VIEIP). The Program is designed to introduce a diverse group of qualified graduate students from universities based in Austria to the World Bank (WB) by offering hands-on opportunities to contribute to the development work that is being supported from the WB Vienna Office. Selected candidates will be able to improve their own skills in a diverse environment dedicated to ending extreme poverty and boosting prosperity and will benefit from:

- (i) opportunities for onboarding and training;
- (ii) networking, mentoring, and coaching from WB staff; and
- (iii) being a part of one of the most reputable development banks in the world.

The VIEIP is targeted to highly motivated and qualified individuals enrolled at Austrian universities. The program will partner with key stakeholders and academic institutions in Austria to attract a talented pool of candidates and to help build the program.

The 2023 cohort will consist of 11 internships. The starting date and length of the internships will vary depending on the position. Specific Terms of Reference for the assignments cover the fields of economics, education, finance, health, infrastructure, private sector development, water and the environment, and other related fields.

Interns will be hosted by the various WB units in the Vienna office. The selected candidates will be offered short-term temporary contracts with the WB for the period specified by each hiring unit. Call for internships will launch in December 2022 and selections will be finalized by latest March 2023.

## Vacant Positions

1. VIEIP#1 – Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment
2. VIEIP#2 – Financial Sector Advisory Centre
3. VIEIP#3 – Danube Water Program
4. VIEIP#4 – Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land #1
5. VIEIP#5 – Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land #2
6. VIEIP#6 – Energy and Extractives
7. VIEIP#7 – Education
8. VIEIP#8 – Health
9. VIEIP#9 – Environment and Climate
10. VIEIP#10 – Social Sustainability and Inclusion
11. VIEIP#11 – Country Management Unit

Please see the Annex for a detailed description of each position.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for an internship, candidates must have an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a full-time graduate study program (pursuing a master's degree or PhD with plans to return to school full-time) at a university based in Austria. The internship has no nationality requirement and no age limit.

Fluency in English is required.

We value diversity in our workplace, and encourage all qualified individuals, particularly women, with diverse professional and academic backgrounds to apply. Our aim is to attract and recruit the best talent in the world.

## Application Process

**We accept applications through email from December 19, 2022, until February 17, 2023.** Applications will be reviewed by the individual hiring unit to short-list based on their business needs. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. Hiring decisions by the hiring department(s) expect to be concluded by end March 2023.

Please send a resume (1 page max.), cover letter (1 page max.), and proof of enrollment of graduate program to Gulnara Ganieva ([gganieva@worldbank.org](mailto:gganieva@worldbank.org)) with “World Bank Vienna Office Internship Program - VIEIP# and applicant’s name” in the email subject line. Please make sure to reference the specific position you are applying for.

## **VIEIP#1: Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment**

### **Background**

The Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI) team in the Vienna office is supporting the governments of the EU, Western Balkan and Eastern Europe countries in identifying and implementing policies to strengthen their fiscal policy and economic growth. The work contains a wide area of topics, including increasing the efficiency and service delivery impact of public expenditures, raising public revenues and debt sustainability, improving public financial management, addressing structural reforms to promote more inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

The current work program provides interesting opportunities in all these areas. It would allow to get to know and contribute to the World Bank work in the broader Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region. Below, two examples of potential work areas are highlighted, but the assignment may include other tasks within the specified areas of MTI work.

One potential area is support to the teams preparing the semi-annual Regional Economic Reports (RER). The Western Balkans RER, for instance, foresees to have spotlights highlighting the benefits of climate change mitigation or adaptation policies in the region. The fall 2023 RER spotlight aims to look at topics such as green transition in agriculture, climate policies and growth, inclusion, and sustainability tradeoffs. Other opportunities may include, for example, supporting the early stages of the technical assistance program to Strengthen Fiscal Governance in the Western Balkans. This may include organizing the network of fiscal councils in the Western Balkan region and the first conference on fiscal rules and roles of the fiscal councils with the European Fiscal Board cooperation.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

- Supporting the team in building relevant databases.
- Contributing to the empirical analysis.
- Drafting notes to summarize the data and results.
- Supporting the team in organizing the conference on fiscal rules and councils.

### **Qualifications**

The intern should have a bachelor's degree in economics or a related field with strong quantitative skills. PhD students are preferred.

## VIEIP#2: Financial Sector Advisory Centre (FinSAC)

### Background

The Financial Sector Advisory Centre (FinSAC) is a dedicated Vienna-based technical unit of the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Region Finance and Private Sector Development Division. FinSAC delivers technical advice and implementation assistance to client countries in the ECA region, with the financial support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance. We help client countries build resilient financial systems by working with regulatory authorities in thematic areas including macroprudential policy framework, banking supervision, recovery and resolution, management of nonperforming loans, deposit insurance, cybersecurity, and crisis preparedness. In practice, our work encompasses legislative, regulatory, institution-building initiatives as well as a knowledge agenda that disseminates good international practices and cross-fertilize country reforms.

The FinSAC team is looking for an intern to contribute to its analytical agenda in support of ongoing technical assistance engagements. During your internship with the FinSAC team, you will be introduced to specialized policy topics in financial stability with a practical and hands-on approach. You are expected to apply your skills in statistics and financial modelling to help organize quantitative and qualitative information, including in developing and testing models applied by central banks and supervisory authorities for macro- and micro-prudential purposes. You will apply your writing and presentation skills to synthesize and disseminate findings in an applied/policy research setting. Such an experience can be beneficial for developing a career in public administration and related industries in the private sector, as well as for preparing for further studies in the area of financial regulation.

### Scope of work

For a duration of 8-10 weeks, the intern is expected to work with the FinSAC team on one or multiple of the following tasks:

- Work on climate stress testing and related reports and papers.
- Work on a corporate viability study in one of the client countries that will require preparation and analysis of a large dataset including corporates' financial statements.
- Reviewing and summarizing the regulatory documents in FinSAC's Cybersecurity Digest, with the aid of natural language processing techniques.

### Qualifications

The intern is expected to have at least a bachelor's degree in economics, finance, statistic, or law and/or to be a master or PhD student in these fields. In addition, the intern is required to have:

- An understanding of financial sector issues as well as readiness to learn about new technical topics. In this regard, familiarity with climate-related macroeconomic and financial sector policies, corporate financial statements, or natural language processing techniques is an advantage.
- Good knowledge of statistics. Knowledge of economic/econometric modeling is an advantage.
- Practical experience in data analysis using R, Python, and/or Stata.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint.
- Teamwork skills in a multi-disciplinary environment.
- Good oral and written communication skills in English.

### VIEIP#3: Danube Water Program (DWP)

#### **Background**

Implemented by the World Bank and the International Association of Water Service Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD), the [Danube Water Program](#) (DWP) supports smart policies, strong utilities and sustainable water services in the Danube region by partnering with regional, national, and local stakeholder, promoting informed policy dialogue around the sector's challenges and strengthening the technical and managerial capacity of the sector's utilities and institutions. The DWP has become a well-known resource for capacity building, knowledge sharing, analytical and advisory services for the water supply and sanitation sector and the broader water security agenda in the Danube region.

#### **Duties and Accountabilities**

- Assist the DWP team in delivering the overall work program, particularly regarding policy, analytical and capacity building activities under guidance from team members.
- Contribute to the preparation of economic and sector work in water and sanitation services and water security topics through desk reviews, on-line research, data collection and processing.
- Support organizing institutional and policy capacity development activities and events, including study tours, exchanges, conferences, workshops, trainings and other similar knowledge events.
- Contribute to the Program's knowledge generation, dissemination, and documentation through the preparation of knowledge/learning briefs, blogs, brochures, notes, papers and presentations.

#### **Qualifications**

- In pursuit of, or recently completed, an advanced degree in the fields of WRM, WiA, WSS, natural resources management, environmental policy, international relations, law, engineering, or economics.
- Familiarity and interest with the water sector, international cooperation, and development topics.
- Excellent writing, communication, and presentational skills in English, and ability to synthesize large amounts of material into crisp briefing memos and Power Point presentations.
- High degree of dedication, flexibility, and commitment to results.

#### **VIEIP#4: Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land #1 (Land)**

##### **Background**

The World Bank's Sustainable Development (SD) Practice Group addresses complex challenges in the areas of Agriculture and Food, Climate Change, Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy, Environmental and Social Framework, Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land, Social Sustainability and Inclusion, and Water.

The Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land Global Practice (GPURL) helps countries address challenges related to urbanization, Disaster Risk Management (DRM), and land administration. The most pressing challenges include climate change mitigation and adaptation, building resilient and inclusive cities, enhancing land tenure security, managing land assets for the public interest and disaster risk management and recovery.

##### **Duties and Accountabilities**

The intern will support activities focused on integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation with the land administration and urbanization agendas, including:

- Review of international and local policy frameworks and requirements, including in terms of implications of EU regulations
- Review of implications of EU Green Deal and INSPIRE, including on the sub-regional level with a focus on cities and subnational issues
- Stocktaking of low carbon and climate resilient development challenges in priority regions in ECA, with focus on the Western Balkans
- Stocktaking of land administration/management influence on climate change adaptation and mitigation for World Bank projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Kosovo

##### **Qualifications**

- BA in economics, geography, land governance, political science, public policy or related fields
- Research experience, including literature reviews and data collection/analysis
- Interest/background in urban and regional development
- Interest/background in land administration and management
- Interest/background in low carbon development and climate change
- Interest/background in geospatial information systems (GIS)
- Ability to work flexibly and independently
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work as part of a team

## **VIEIP#5: Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land #2 (Urban)**

### **Background**

The World Bank's Sustainable Development (SD) Practice Group addresses complex challenges in the areas of Agriculture and Food, Climate Change, Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy, Environmental and Social Framework, Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land, Social Sustainability and Inclusion, and Water.

The **Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land Global Practice** (GPURL) helps countries address challenges related to urbanization, Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and land administration. The most pressing challenges include climate change mitigation and adaptation, building resilient and inclusive cities, enhancing land tenure security, managing land assets for the public interest and disaster risk management and recovery.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

The intern will support activities focused on integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation with the land administration and urbanization agendas, including:

- Review of international and local policy frameworks and requirements, including in terms of implications of EU regulations.
- Review of implications of EU Green Deal and INSPIRE, including on the sub-regional level with a focus on cities and subnational issues.
- Stocktaking of low carbon and climate resilient development challenges in priority regions in ECA, with focus on the Western Balkans.
- Stocktaking of land administration/management influence on climate change adaptation and mitigation for World Bank projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Kosovo.

### **Qualifications**

- BA in economics, geography, land governance, political science, public policy or related fields.
- Research experience, including literature reviews and data collection/analysis.
- Interest/background in urban and regional development.
- Interest/background in land administration and management.
- Interest/background in low carbon development and climate change.
- Interest/background in geospatial information systems (GIS).
- Ability to work flexibly and independently.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work as part of a team.

## VIEIP#6: Energy and Extractives

### Background

Access to basic and affordable infrastructure services is critical for creating economic opportunities for the poor. The Infrastructure Practice Group is charged with developing sustainable solutions to help close infrastructure gaps in developing and emerging economies. As part of the Infrastructure Practice Group, the Energy & Extractives (EEX) Global Practice (GP) focuses on providing affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy to meet the needs of fast-growing economies, ensure universal access to modern energy services for people in client countries, strengthen policy and institutional frameworks to promote transparent and equitable growth of the extractives sectors for public benefit. There is a strong emphasis on private sector resource mobilization and catalyzing financing from commercial and other sources of development and climate finance.

The EEX GP has a strong engagement in development projects and policy dialogue in the Europe and Central Asia (ECA), which is facing unprecedented supply shortages and escalation of energy prices, and where energy and related reforms are key components/pillars of the economic reform agenda. The current energy crisis has shifted the focus towards energy security, and highlighted the vulnerabilities in the energy sector, while building resilience, facilitating service delivery, and achieving the net zero climate targets. Overall, ECA covers 31 client countries with a total population of about 916 million, with a majority living in middle-income economies.

### Recruitment for internship

The position is to intern with the Vienna-based members of the ECA Energy Unit (IECE1). As a member of the team, the candidate will work closely on select projects under the leadership of task team leaders. Management reporting will be to the Practice Manager of IECE1 who oversees a large and diverse portfolio of active projects, including investments and advisory services supporting the:

- scale-up of energy efficiency investments and programs through a range of programs such as credit lines, energy efficiency revolving funds for public and municipal investments, development of energy service companies and support for residential programs.
- development of national and regional electricity markets in Europe and Central Asia.
- rehabilitation and modernizations of power system infrastructure, hydropower generation, district heating networks, gas networks.
- support to decarbonize the energy sector and enhance energy security, with a focus on renewable energy development with accompanying regulatory and transaction support and application of innovative and smart technologies (storage, hydrogen, distributed renewables, smart grid).
- integrated assessment, planning and development of energy and water sectors, particularly at the sub-regional level in Southeast Europe and Central Asia.
- implementation of reforms in the areas of achieving structural and regulatory consistency with the Energy Community Treaty (for countries that are signatories), sector governance and tariff transitions.

### Duties and Accountabilities

The selected intern will support activities focused on:



- Work on a flagship report on the interface of climate change and development in the Western Balkans. This will involve data collection, background research, and drafting specific parts of the report.
- Work on a regional knowledge piece on scaling up renewable energy in the ECA region, including research on select case studies.
- Carry out background research supporting documentation for energy projects in the Western Balkans, Southern Caucasus, and South-East Europe country clusters.
- Support preparation of corporate presentations on energy transition, clean energy, and other relevant topics.

### **Qualifications**

- Advanced degree (Masters level) in economics, engineering, finance, public policy or equivalent areas.
- Research experience, including literature reviews and data collection/analysis.
- Interest in at least one of the following areas: energy sector economics, energy efficiency, heating sector, energy sector policy and regulation, energy and climate policy, utility financial analysis and/or utility reform.
- Strong quantitative analytical skills and ability to work independently are expected.
- Strong visualization skills (PPT design) are an asset.

## VIEIP#7: Education

### **Background**

Education is central to achieving the World Bank Group’s twin goals. It is a reliable route out of poverty, and it drives economic growth. It is also a prime vehicle for promoting shared prosperity. The main challenge in the sector is to achieve “learning for all, learning for life”—that is, to ensure that all children and young people acquire the knowledge and skills they need for their lives and livelihoods. The WBG and the broader education development community are increasingly shifting focus to learning outcomes. Because traditional programs often fail to promote learning, the WBG’s education strategy highlights the need for a more comprehensive systems approach to education reform, investments, and service delivery. These efforts are increasingly guided by the need to invest early; invest smartly; and invest for all.

#### *Regional context:*

ECA serves over 30 diverse clients in a region with a population of nearly 500 million people. Clients range from large sophisticated middle-income countries to International Development Association (IDA) countries.

Staff in ECA typically engage with clients in in-depth technical assistance and policy discussions, design, supervision and evaluation of education sector projects, and leading and participating in Advisory Services and Analytics (ASA) tasks such as Education Sector Policy Studies, Public Expenditure Reviews, Impact Evaluations, Country Economic Memoranda, Social Assessments, Institutional Assessments, and Regional Studies. They also lead and participate in other multi-sectorial lending operations, including Development Policy Lending and performance-based operations. The ECA portfolio also includes a significant number of Reimbursable Advisory Services (RAS) where quality and timeliness of delivery are at the heart of the growth of this line of business. Recent research and policy dialogue has centered around the impact of COVID-19 on education, estimating learning losses, and providing policy advice on building resilient education systems post COVID-19.

The office of the World Bank in Vienna works with the Western Balkan states. The education systems in this region are diverse but have similar issues. Six Western Balkan states have systemic issues with foundational literacy, skills mismatch, and necessity to recover learning lost during the pandemic. These countries, like all European based countries also face shocks from the war in Ukraine and inflation. Therefore, the Western Balkan countries will require support in education policy implementation. The portfolio of the Bank in Western Balkans includes lending and ASA operations ranging from early childhood development to general education, with a potential of growth in the areas of skills development and higher education. The cross-cutting themes of the education global practice in ECA include – learning recovery, green, resilient and inclusive development, gender equity, and disability inclusion.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

The candidate will be working in a dynamic team of Education Specialists that is led by the ECA Practice Manager, also based in Vienna. The Work will include communication with Bank colleagues contributing to the education engagement in the Western Balkan countries. The activities may include traveling.

The candidate would contribute with the following:

- Support day to day work of the Western Balkans education team and contribute to the preparation of the communication with the client countries;
- Analyzing the available data sources on education, including education quality data, administrative data, and data on labor market;
- Drafting presentations and analytical notes as required by the program;
- Participating in the World Bank visits when relevant;
- Contribute to the supervision of the education portfolio in the sub-region;

The Intern would produce regular work reports and agree them with the Bank senior focal point.

### **Qualifications**

- BA or Master's degree in Education or Public Policy or any relevant field of Social Studies.
- Excellent analytical skills in data analysis (survey and assessment results analysis, work with STATA or any other statistical software).
- Good interpersonal skills to effectively operate in a team-based setting.
- Excellent oral and written communications skills in English; mastery of Albanian or Serbian language is a plus.
- Ability to work under tight deadlines and a high degree of pro-activity and initiative.

## VIEIP#8: Health

### **Background**

Central European countries face steep population aging in the coming years. Such processes pose significant challenges for their long-term prospects. In particular, increased longevity is expected to substantially drive up the demand for long-term care services, in the context of constrained fiscal space, shrinking working-age populations, and growing care dependency ratios. Resilience of the health systems, non-communicable diseases, innovations in health systems, or strengthening primary health care remains a challenge. These patterns, combined with substantial resources constraints require rapid action. The World Bank supports countries of the region in many of these challenges, with operational and technical support.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

- Support closely WB teams working in Poland, Croatia, Bulgaria and Slovakia in operations and analytical portfolio
- Prepare desk research, power point presentations and background materials
- Work on the open health data to prepare background notes for the work conducted
- Compile and analyze data from open data sources, Government institutions, research, and other sources
- Contribute to preparation of reports, working papers, and other documents, as required
- Provide hands-on and independent inputs to the teams' technical and operational work
- Support organization of meetings, seminars, and technical events

### **Qualifications**

- Degree in medicine (or in progress), public health, health economics or relevant field
- Experience in desk research and quantitative analyses
- Demonstrated strong writing and information-synthesis skills; good communication skills
- Preferably, some experience working collaboratively in diverse teams and with international partners and Government officials
- Excellent command of written and oral English is required.
- Excellent written communication skills with proven ability to influence policy
- Excellent organizational skills

## VIEIP#9: Environment and Climate

### Background

The World Bank provides loans, guarantees, risk management products, and advisory services to middle- and low-income countries, and coordinates responses to regional and global challenges. In Europe and Central Asia (ECA) most countries are recipients of World Bank's knowledge and/or lending services. The Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy (ENB) Global Practice (GP) delivers on the opportunities, benefits and outcomes offered by enhanced management of the environment and land-based and marine natural resources. SCAEN, the ENB GP unit in ECA Sustainable Development department, also supports the region on climate action including upstream design activities as well as delivery of knowledge/trainings and fulfilling corporate commitments.

### Duties and Accountabilities

The intern will work closely with Vienna-based ECA ENB staff, and provide support in terms of:

- undertaking background research and provide written inputs to analytics on-going / emerging activities, in the areas of pollution management and green growth, including climate change;
- supporting mainstreaming climate in strategic country engagements as part of implementing the regional climate change action plan;
- providing portfolio management support to projects on Environmental and Social Standards/ safeguard Operational Policies/ as required; and
- planning and organization of meetings and workshops, preparation of presentations, undertaking data analytics, preparing short/summary notes, and undertake support activities as needed.

### Qualifications

- Graduate student in environmental / climate policy, environmental economics, natural sciences / resources, environmental engineering, or other relevant disciplines.
- Strong qualitative and quantitative skills, ability to research and synthesize data and information.
- Ability to follow up on multiple tasks simultaneously, and communicate clearly and confidently.
- Enthusiasm and commitment to bringing about positive change in the areas of environmental sustainability and climate change.
- Good verbal and written English skills; fluency in other regional languages will be a plus.
- Relevant work experience with Government, NGOs, Consulting, or Academia will be a plus.

## **VIEIP#10: Social Sustainability and Inclusion**

### **Background**

The World Bank's mission is to help the Bank's clients in the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region to reduce poverty and achieve environmentally and socially sustainable development.

The Social Sustainability and Inclusion Global Practice helps countries tackle deep rooted social problems stemming from fragility, climate change, exclusion, and the digital age with people centered solutions that build on local values and institutions. The Practice engages with citizens, communities and governments to deepen resilience, build inclusion, and empower vulnerable and marginalized groups to have influence and voice. It prioritizes participatory, multi-sectoral approaches that build on norms and informal institutions to address social challenges and to build more inclusive, empowered communities. The Practice also works across the Bank's portfolio to implement the Environment and Social Framework (ESF) standards. The ESF offers an overarching platform for fostering inclusive approaches to ensure vulnerable groups benefit from Bank investments and mitigate against related risks. The Social Sustainability and Inclusion Global Practice has adopted a new strategy that aims to promote inclusive sustainable development anchored on three pillars of social inclusion, social resilience and empowerment.

The ECA SSI team's focus includes providing technical input and advice to sector projects, programs, and analytical work on social development issues such as inclusion of vulnerable groups like Roma and youth, resettlement, social accountability through citizen and stakeholder engagement, gender, and community development. This includes ensuring that the World Bank's Environment and Social Framework are operationalized through World Bank financed sectoral projects and programs as well as analytical pieces and policy dialogue. The team also facilitates partnerships and dialogue with civil society through outreach and engagement with a broad range of actors. Addressing social dimensions of climate change and just transition are important areas of focus as well.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

This assignment will focus on working with the SSI team to develop our understanding of the social impacts of just transition, with a focus on mine closure. Specifically, the focus will be on understanding the social impacts of mine closure on affected communities, strategies to engage the stakeholders and to build platforms of engagement, including mitigating social impacts at the community level. The country of focus will be decided once the intern is on board.

### **Qualifications**

- BA in anthropology, sociology, social geography, political science, or related fields
- Research experience, including literature reviews and data collection/analysis
- Interest/background in issues related to vulnerable groups like Roma, migrants, SOGI as pertains to countries covered in ECA region
- Interest/background in
- stakeholder and citizen engagement techniques
- Interest/background in social impacts of green growth policy, especially in the energy and/or mining sectors
- Ability to work flexibly and independently

- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work as part of a team

## **VIEIP#11: Country Management Unit**

### **Background**

The Country Management Unit (CMU) for the Western Balkans oversees the World Bank's programs in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. The head of the unit is the Country Director for the Western Balkans based in Vienna who is supported by a team of staff located in Vienna, Washington and the Western Balkans Country Offices. In addition to her responsibility for the Western Balkans program, the Country Director is also the head of the World Bank Vienna office and in charge of the relationship with the Austrian government.

In June 2023, the Austrian government and the World Bank will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Austria joining the World Bank. Austria signed its membership with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), i.e., the World Bank, in 1948 and the first IBRD loan to Austria was in 1954. After the successful reconstruction and economic development following World War II, Austria became a strong World Bank partner with significant contributions to World Bank programs. They include Austria's contributions to the International Development Association (IDA) and Austria supported programs focusing on the financial sector, water management along the Danube, financial reporting, etc. Last but not least, thanks to the generous contribution by the Austrian government, Vienna is now hosting one of the largest World Bank offices worldwide. The anniversary celebrations to take place in June 2023 will be an opportunity to reflect on the historic partnership between Austria and the World Bank.

### **Duties and Accountabilities**

- Assist the Country Director and her senior staff with the preparations for the anniversary event with a focus on creating content that highlights the partnership between Austria and the World Bank.
- Work closely with Vienna-based staff working on Austria financed programs to best present their work at the event.
- Join the event planning team and work with World Bank and Austria government staff on the preparation leading up to the event.
- If time permits, the intern will also have the opportunity to work on some of the operational work in the CMU including the monitoring of the World Bank portfolio in the Western Balkans.

### **Qualifications**

- Graduate student in journalism or media studies or political science, economics, or history with an interest in media presentations or event management.
- Familiarity and interest in the international financial architecture, especially the World Bank and its mission and purpose over the years.
- Familiarity and interest in Austrian economic history and the development of Austria after World War II.
- Excellent writing, communication, and presentational skills in English and German.
- High degree of dedication, flexibility, and commitment to go the extra mile.
- Ability to work during the academic year from April to June.
- Austrian national and German native speaker preferred.