



After a complaint by a young Austrian, the **European Ombudsman** called on the European External Action Service to start paying the interns in its delegations. The EAS has now announced it intends to pay its interns. The European Youth Forum is taking **legal action** against Belgium for allowing unpaid interns. The first **Global Intern Strike** took place in February 2017. The movement for fair internships is gaining momentum worldwide!

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

INTERNSHIPS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

We undertook a survey with interns in MEP offices and political groups. **Some highlights:**

- ¼ is paid less than € 600 and 8% is unpaid.
- Only 22% have written learning objectives.
- 40% work more than 40 hours a week and 15% more than 45 hours.
- Only 72% agree that their tasks fit their qualifications and experience.
- Low pay equals low quality: 12% of low-paid interns rate the internship experience as bad.

140 MEPs signed our Manifesto for Fair Internships.

We have written to the President of the European Parliament, Antonio Tajani, to ask him to take action.

ABOUT US



The Youth InterGroup in the European Parliament is a cross-party grouping of over 100 Members of the European Parliament working for better youth policies in Europe. The InterGroup is chaired by Brando Benifei (S&D), Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP) and Terry Reintke (Greens/EFA).

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- ## QUALITY INTERNSHIPS
- A quality internship meets these **important criteria:**
- A focus on learning so interns acquire practical skills.
 - Competent guidance and supervision.
 - A written and binding contract.
 - Learning objectives are defined.
 - Decent remuneration.
- Take a look at the full '*Quality Charter on Internships and Apprenticeships*' of the European Youth Forum on www.qualityinternships.eu. It's a useful tool for anyone who wants to join the movement for quality internships or understand the issues at stake.
- ## ARE YOU IN NEED OF SUPPORT?

- Are you an intern in the European Parliament?
- In an MEP office or political group? Contact the **APA Committee: APACom@ep.europa.eu**
- In the EP administration? Contact the **Staff Committee: Staffcom@europarl.europa.eu**
- Are you an intern in Brussels? Contact **BINGO** via www.bingo-brussels.eu

#Fair INTERNSHIPS

This is a scandal! We believe that the EU institutions should lead by example and **end unpaid internships** right now.

Quality internships can support young people as they transition from education to the labour market. However, too many young people are trapped in a cycle of unpaid and low-quality internships and precarious work. The European institutions themselves are still offering unpaid and low-quality internships alongside their official traineeship programs.

WHY THIS CAMPAIGN?

#Fair
INTERNSHIPS
FOR ALL YOUNG
PEOPLE

#Fair INTERNSHIPS

First step: Banning unpaid internships from the EU institutions

We demand equal access to fair, quality internships for **ALL** young people.

UNPAID
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UNFAIR

NO CONTRACT,
NO PAY ?
NO WAY!

MANIFESTO FOR **#Fair** INTERNSHIPS

ALL EU institutions should end unpaid internships.

IF YOU HAVE €€€
FOR FLIGHTS, HOTELS, CONFERENCES
AND 2 KINDS OF DRINKING WATER,
YOU HAVE €€€
TO PAY YOUR INTERNS.

In the **European Parliament** ALL interns should be treated equally. The rules for interns in MEP offices and political groups have to be changed. We demand:

Decent remuneration covering living expenses.
Limited standard duration of 6 months.
Clear learning objectives.

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**WE
SIGNED**

