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THE STUDY OF  
DEMOCRACY

Dedicated **internships** within the H2020 **ENABLE.EU** research and innovation project  
(CSD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2017-2018)

The [Economic Program at the Center for the Study of Democracy](#) offers **2 to 3 internships, lasting 3 to 9 months** for outstanding university students, interested in gaining research experience, while working on an international research project, studying the transition to low carbon energy systems in Europe.

**About the project:** [ENABLE.EU](#) project aims to understand the drivers of energy choices in Europe in three areas of consumption – transportation, heating and cooling and electricity. The project covers 11 European countries and applies state-of-art research methodologies for studying four groups of factors, driving individual and collective energy choices and energy behavior – economic, socio-cultural, technological and governance factors. The research tasks include:

- Literature review
- 5 topical case studies (mobility, heating and cooling, electricity, prosumers, and governance)
- International comparative surveys on households and business enterprises
- Participatory foresight exercises
- Reference and policy scenarios development, based on econometric modelling
- Valorization and exploitation of research results through engagement of targeted stakeholders

The **dedicated internships are design according to the major project tasks** and offer opportunity for participation of the selected interns in the **whole life-cycle** of the respective project task, e.g. from methodology design through collection and analysis of data, to preparation of research deliverables.

**We are looking for** interns, interested in working on:

- **Case study on governance** (in-depth exploratory interviews, focus groups, scoreboard cards, stakeholder consultations and mobilisation, limited regulatory analysis)
- **Case study on electricity** (randomized control trials methodology)
- **Online survey of business enterprises**
- **Stakeholder participation, involvement and mobilization** in the area of governance

Students from **sociology**, economics, and political sciences are particularly welcome to apply.

#### **Requirements:**

- Good level of English language; fluency in English will be considered an advantage.
- Good research and analytical skills; written skills will be considered an advantage.
- Good computer literacy (spreadsheets, presentations).
- Good statistics skills and experience with survey data analysis will be considered an advantage for the “online survey” task.

**Responsibilities:** Assist the implementation of the respective research tasks during their whole life-cycle;

**Internship program:** Upon entering the CSD internship program, each intern will be assigned to a senior researcher from CSD to oversee and mentor her/his work. Outcomes from the intern's work might be included or quoted in CSD's and project's official publications. Upon the successful internship completion each intern receives a Certificate of Completion and can request a letter of recommendation.

**Note:** The internship is **unpaid**. Specific tasks could involve remuneration, depending on outcomes' quality and budget limitations.

**Application:** Please, send your CV and writing sample in English (3-5 pages) at [todor.galev@online.bg](mailto:todor.galev@online.bg), indicating your experience for the respective topic of interest or project task(s).

**Approval of candidates:** Internship applications are reviewed on the rolling base. Only the candidates listed for interview will be contacted.