

Experience Report

1. Experience of being abroad in Switzerland

After a half year I spend in Greenfish AG in Switzerland I would say my traineeship mostly influenced my personal devolvement in standing up for myself. I had the chance to bring my own Ideas to the company and to be a part in discussions of further decisions for the company. Also, I was able to work independently. Luckily the pandemic situation had no impact on my internship, there were in fact less regulations than in my home country.

2. Experience at work

During my traineeship I kind of had to start at the beginning. I knew nothing about shrimps and how to grow them. I did a lot of research and also had a lot of 'in action' experiences which thought me all I need to know. I am proud of all the stuff that I learned. Since this field of working in Europe is quite inexperienced yet and especially the farm I worked in, I have learned a lot that I could not have learned if this aquaculture farm had been more developed.

My working company was still in a developing process and doing a lot of research. They offered me the chance to go on a conference, meeting other aquaculture researchers and farmers. This gave me the chance to not only see how it is working in our shrimp aquaculture but also in different types of aquaculture. It was amazing to get these chances.

3. Cultural differences

Switzerland is not that different from my home country Germany. Even the language was quiet the same. What I will miss a lot being back in Germany is definitely the impressive view of the mountains. The Chef of my company took me on a few trips visiting the most famous Switzerland mountains which was just awesome.

4. IAESTE

IAESTE Switzerland is really good organized and has a lot of opportunities experiencing the country. They offered weekend trips nearly every weekend and there was a weekly meeting in Zurich every week. Since I did not live directly in Zurich (1.5h by train) I was not able to participate at the weekly meetings. Still, the weekend trips were amazing and I had the chance to do some hiking trips which I could not have done alone. Also, they were very helpful when problems occurred with the organization stuff.







