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Why did you choose Dutt CSR Consulting?

Before starting my internship at Dutt CSR Consulting, I had never experienced the private sector before. All my work experience had been in public institutions and non-governmental organizations, mainly focusing on the areas of human rights and sustainability. I chose Dutt CSR Consulting because it meant that I would have a great opportunity to closely experience these areas from a private sector perspective.

What tasks did you carry out?

Most of the tasks I carried out were directly connected to Dutt CSR Consulting's biggest client, Hexatronic Group, a market leader in the fiber optic industry. The group is currently putting a lot of effort into truly stepping up its CSR policies. Some of the tasks I carried out with regards to Hexatronic Group included supporting the development of a 2030 Sustainability Roadmap and the drafting of a Sustainable Supply Chain Risk Analysis among others. I also conducted tasks directly connected to Dutt CSR Consulting as such. For instance, I contributed to the drafting of a communications plan regarding the company's LinkedIn page and conducted research on the CSR consulting market in Spain.

How was it to do the internship during COVID-19?

Once home office became the official recommendation of many public authorities, I decided that a remote internship was the best option. The experience was overall great, since Susann was very understanding of my decision and offered me an outstanding learning opportunity despite the distance. Very frequent video calls, constant communication and virtual coffee meetings meant that I had a great experience as an intern despite Covid-19.

What was the most valuable experience?

Undoubtedly, the experience overall was extremely valuable. However, if I would have to point out one specific task, I believe that the most valuable experience was being able to contribute to the preparation of the Sustainability Roadmap workshop that Dutt CSR Consulting carried out for some key figures at Hexatronic Group. Assisting the preparation of the workshop and the actual meeting allowed me to experience the very interesting and also complicated discussions that arise within a company that is making huge efforts towards sustainability.

Could you recommend other students to do an internship at Dutt CSR Consulting?

I believe that any student interested in sustainable development and human rights, and the role that businesses play in these areas would highly benefit from an internship at Dutt CSR Consulting. Susann is flexible regarding the tasks to be conducted, and offers interns the possibility of exploring the areas they are most interested in.

What will be the next step in your career?

As of September 2020, I will be pursuing a master's degree in European Political and Governance Studies at the College of Europe, where I expect to continue exploring the Business and Human Rights developments in Europe, as well as the European Green Deal initiative.