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Dear Hiring Manager,

It is with great enthusiasm that I present my interest and qualifications for the intern position at Youth and Environment Europe (YEE) (ref: 2021/1017B). I am eager to contribute to the important work YEE is doing to raise environmental awareness, enhance international cooperation and knowledge sharing, and strengthen youth participation in environmental and climate decision-making processes. I offer strong research and events organization skills and an academic background in politics and economics with a focus on environmental issues.

My interest in the environment and the climate crisis dates to my 2016-2018 experience participating in the Model United Nations (MUN) Club at my high school in Vienna, Austria. In addition to standard UN simulations, our MUN club also organized debate tournaments, and I frequently had to prepare debate topics focused on environmental issues. Additionally, on multiple occasions in my role as delegate I was tasked with other students to propose climate resolutions impacting the countries we represented in the context of discussions on the SDGs.

Currently, I am an undergraduate in the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) course at Central European University in Vienna, Austria, with a specialization in Environmental Studies. Whenever possible, I tailor my academic assignments to include a focus on climate issues and climate change, which is giving me the opportunity to view these issues from different angles. Additionally, I have published four pieces on climate-related issues on blogs including Climate Outreach and in the newsletter of Youth 4 Nature.

My extracurricular activities at CEU include serving as one of the leaders of the CEU debate club. This involves extensive event organization (including online events) as well as efforts to motivate students at CEU and other universities to take part. In summer 2021, I worked as a public affairs intern for Humanitarian Academy for Development London, where I honed my research, report writing and event organization skills. My duties included monitoring information shared by governmental departments to create weekly policy reports, and preparing data for roundtables and networking events. I see myself as well-suited to contribute with my policy-writing and event organizing skills to YEE's projects, but would be glad to contribute in whatever capacity the organization considered the best use of my knowledge and abilities.

I am very motivated to use the skills and knowledge I have acquired thus far to contribute to YEE's projects in a meaningful way. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how I could assist YEE in its crucial mission of involving youth in developing solutions and raising awareness about climate change.

Sincerely,

Johannes Mateschitz