

## My internship at Afroeuro

My name is Michiel Spuijbroek and I'm a 4<sup>th</sup> year Leisure & Events Management student at the Willem de Kooning Academy in Rotterdam. During my 4<sup>th</sup> year I followed the minor Development Cooperation at the Haagse Hogeschool in The Hague. First part of the minor was a theoretical part where I had different lectures on topics related to development cooperation. One of these lectures was done by Vincent Gambrah. Vincent gave a lecture on the Afroeuro Foundation. This was really interesting and I saw potential for an internship. For the second part of the minor I had to intern. Afterwards I stayed in touch with Vincent to discuss possibilities of an internship. We came to an agreement and I started working on the Horti-Terra project that Afroeuro is involved in. This project is focussed on greenhouse farming in Ghana.

One of the goals of this program is setting up a training institute for Ghanaian youth. This was what I worked on during my internship. My research started very broad on the topic of setting up a training institute. After weekly meetings it got more framed into making a manual for the facilitators of the training institute. Facilitators can use this manual to know what is important to be taught to the youth that participates in the training program.

The manual focussed on 2 topics: planting of vegetables and small-business management. The planting topic focuses on the whole process of planting seeds to harvesting vegetables. This process includes seed growth, plant nutrients, photosynthesis, repotting and cultural practices. I would like to thank Samuel Afful to give input on what should be included in the manual. The small-business management topic focuses on marketing and sales, communication and bookkeeping. I would like to thank Bismark Osei Tutu for helping me by giving feedback on the manual.

It was a very nice experience to intern at the Afroeuro foundation with Vincent as my supervisor. I would also like to thank you, Vincent, for the guidance and nice collaboration. Even though I interned during a pandemic I learned a lot and had a great time at Afroeuro. I hope to one day visit the project in Ghana and experience life out there.

Thanks to everyone that helped me during this internship.

Keep building bridges!

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