



Internship at WSP

31st of October to 13th of January 2022-2023

In between 31st of October to 13th of January, I had the opportunity to perform an internship at WSP. My scope with the internship was to broaden my knowledge on environmental investigation and assessment in spatial planning, as well as to learn how to apply my academic knowledge in practice.

WSP is a global consulting company in community development. WSP develops everything from cities and skyscrapers to water supply and transport systems. The company has around 66,000 employees worldwide and around 4,000 employees in Sweden. I have had the joy of working within a group called *EIA (Environmental Investigation Assessment) and Environmental investigation* at WSP, Sweden.

During the internship, I have worked with both internal and external projects. The internal project includes development and evaluation of a Green Space Factor tool as well as planning and performing a workshop at the conference *Towards Greener, Healthier and Resilient Cities*. The external projects include expert advice on ecological compensation and data collection for an EIA in an infrastructure project.

I see my time as an intern at WSP as an incredibly educational and valuable experience. I have learned a lot about how biodiversity and ecosystem tools are used in spatial planning and how natural protection-related laws and guidelines can be interpreted to create as sustainable living environments as possible. I have been fortunate to have an enthusiastic and committed supervisor as well as colleagues who have been supporting me and shared their knowledge and expertise. My knowledge has given me a good foundation and will be very valuable for my work in the future.

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