



Save the Tigris

is looking for an
International Volunteer

Save the Tigris is an international civil society advocacy network on transboundary water issues in the Mesopotamian region. It aims to save and protect the heritage and water resources of Mesopotamia from the impact of large dams and pollution, and to promote sustainable management of the Tigris River and its tributaries within a framework of environmental peacebuilding. Save the Tigris seeks to link groups and movements from Iraq, Turkey, Syria and Iran concerned with the protection of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, providing international solidarity while supporting the exchange of knowledge and. Save the Tigris advocates for policies that secure the sustainable and equitable use of water for all who live in the Mesopotamian region, promoting water as a tool for peace. The network has been operating since 2012 and consists of more than a dozen organizations from Iraq, Turkey, Syria, Iran, Europe, USA and other countries and is well connected to the global civil society movement on rivers and dams. Our campaign has been engaging in advocacy in international platforms while implementing awareness activities in Iraq and the region since 2012.

Since 2020 Save the Tigris is officially operating in the Netherlands. Our network is currently looking to expand its presence in the Netherlands and Europe with an international volunteer. The position would be remote: the volunteer can work from home or from the Save the Tigris office in a co-working space in Amsterdam.

Starting period: March 2021

Deadline for applications: 17 February 2021

Required Knowledge and Experience:

- 1) Fluency in English; knowledge of Dutch/Arabic/Kurdish is an advantage but not required;
- 2) Education in the field of water and environment or relevant professional experience is preferred;
- 3) A minimum knowledge of civil society organizations in the Netherlands, especially those working on water and environmental rights. Additional knowledge of social and economical rights highly valued;
- 4) Capacity to understand and acquire knowledge of the Arabic and Kurdish culture and the general dynamics of the Iraqi context;
- 5) Familiarity or interest in international relations, transboundary water issues, climate change and dams
- 6) Commitment to environmental and human rights principles;
- 7) Communication and diplomatic skills, specifically the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences.

Tasks:

- 1) Support to editing of the website of Save the Tigris with regular updates

- 2) Support development of content on social media of Save the Tigris and create produce media material
- 3) Establish and coordinate a newsletter of Save the Tigris
- 4) Attend regular meetings with partners in Iraq and the region (mostly online, sometimes in person)
- 5) Attend regular meetings with the Steering Committee (mostly online, sometimes in person)
- 6) Conduct research and write articles on topics related to water issues in the Mesopotamian Region (dams, pollution, transboundary issues, ...)
- 7) Support the organisation events related to water security in Mesopotamia in person and online.

To apply please send your CV and cover letter to coordinator.en@savethetigris.org specifying the position in the title.