

The EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU is recruiting for a SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER¹

Reporting to the EU Policy Director, the successful candidate will play a key role in enhancing the legal dimension of the EEB's policy work with a particular focus on seeking to improve the implementation of EU environment-related policies

The work consists of:

- Enhancing the legal aspects of the EEB policy advocacy work by providing legal advice and support to the organisation and in particular the EU Policy Unit
- Maintaining a comprehensive overview of the EU's main horizontal legal instruments relevant to environmental policy², while having more in-depth knowledge in some areas, and identifying and pursuing opportunities for the EEB to exert a positive influence in the use or further evolution of such instruments
- Promoting better implementation of EU environment-related policy, notably through engagement in the Environmental Implementation Review (EIR) process involving inter alia:
 - Preparing periodic reports on implementation problems in Member States, based on environmental NGO input
 - Development of proposals for measures to strengthen rule of law and improve environmental integration
- Servicing the EEB's Law Group which brings together legal experts from the EEB member organisations and seeking to mobilise the EEB membership in support of actions to improve horizontal legal policies and instruments
- Representing the EEB at relevant external events (conferences, seminars etc)
- Establishing and maintaining close working relations with key stakeholders
- As any EEB staff member, providing input to various internal horizontal processes, e.g. application and reporting exercises

Qualities and experiences required for post:

- High level of familiarity with EU environmental law, backed up by relevant academic qualifications, as well as broad knowledge of EU political processes
- Preferably at least five years of experience in working with EU environmental law
- Experience in producing high quality output under time pressure
- Meticulous and thorough while being capable of creative, critical thinking in legal matters
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English, fluency in other widely used European languages an asset
- Flexibility (we expect and offer flexibility regarding work schedules)

¹ The EEB reserves the right to appoint a particularly promising but less experienced candidate at the lower grade of Legal Officer.

² For example, instruments relating to environmental integration and impact assessment (project-level and strategic); environmental liability; better regulation; better implementation, enforcement and compliance; environmental governance; monitoring and reporting; and implementation of the Aarhus Convention.

- Prepared and able to work in a dynamic working environment, sometimes under pressure
- Ability to work effectively on several different topics and prioritise workload and time allocations
- A firm commitment to the values the EEB represents

The EEB offers:

- A competitive salary based on the level of experience, coupled with various benefits: holiday bonus, 13th month, pension scheme, luncheon vouchers
- A permanent contract
- A pleasant working atmosphere in an international working environment
- A worthy cause to work for

The EEB is an equal-opportunities employer.

Application process:

Applications consisting of a letter of motivation, CV (including the basic personal information contained in the Europass CV format) and completed questionnaire (below) should be sent to personnel@eeb.org. N.B. Only applications that include these three components will be considered.

Due to limited staff resources and numbers of applications anticipated, only candidates selected for interview will receive a reply.

Deadline for Application: 26 April 2018

Questionnaire for candidates for post of Senior Legal Officer

Please answer the following questions in not more than 250 words per question:

1. What are the main causes of poor implementation and enforcement of EU environmental law and policy and what steps should be taken to improve the situation?
2. What have been the EU's main achievements in systematically integrating environmental considerations into all areas of policymaking, what have been the limitations on success and what should be the priorities for further action?