

**The EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,**  
Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organisations, is  
recruiting for a new  
**TECHNICAL OFFICER**  
**on Chemicals / Sustainable production and Best Available Techniques**

The technical officer will be part of the Industrial Production team in the EU Policy Unit. He/she will carry out the technical work related to the implementation of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) in relation to the review of [Best Available Techniques Reference Documents \(BREFs\)](#) with a focus on chemicals and water relevant aspects.

The task is to coordinate and to represent the NGO views in the review of certain BREFs with a view of promoting the substitution of hazardous chemicals and to improve water protection affected by industrial activities. The main BREF reviews concerned are predominantly the Textiles Industry (TXT BREF), the Ferrous Metals Processing Industry (FMP BREF) and Slaughterhouses and Animals By-products Industries (SA) BREF). The technical officer will also contribute to a side project related to the use and release of hazardous substances by industry and their harmful impact on the Baltic sea environment, so-called 'HAZBREF' project, as well as to and more horizontal topics such as green chemistry within industrial activities. Other tasks will relate to implementation work in relation to waste water from industrial activities, with focus on chemical sector or industry.

**The work consists of:**

- Supporting work under the review of Best Available Techniques Reference Documents (BREFs), with focus on the water and chemicals relevant sectors e.g. textiles, slaughterhouses, ferrous metals processing by active data gathering and research on BAT / emerging techniques information, validation of the information, experts coordination and liaison with stakeholders involved;
- Maintaining up to date knowledge of the relevant topics and carrying out specific in-depth research were required;
- Liaison / engagement with key players from industry (mainly frontrunners and technique providers), EU member states, academia and the European Commission or other likely partners to defend EEB priorities and influence positions;
- Developing contacts with partner NGOs and other likely allies;
- Representing the EEB in relevant meetings or events, networking and defending EEB advocacy on the issues identified;
- Carrying out research work in relation to implementation (e.g. permit reviews, assessment of monitoring data or reports);
- Generating reports or technical briefings, in collaboration with line management and the Communications unit;
- Providing support to the work of the Industrial Production unit e.g. organising webinars on the sector BREFs or carrying out implementation work, generating technical input to other relevant BREF discussions or IED implementation issues;
- Engaging in relevant Environmental Quality Standards (in particular prevention of water pollution) or REACH initiatives with direct link to industrial activities;
- Providing input to general EEB documents and processes (10 tests, memorandum, reports to EEB board, fundraising, etc).

### **Qualities and experiences required for this post:**

The technical officer will need to be able to contribute in technical discussions, be able to understand chemicals related issues and carry out research in independent manner and be able to present this information in high level meetings. The expert should be skilled in understanding datasets / technical information and ideally have experience within the industry sectors concerned. The expert will be closely working with our staff of the industrial production, water and chemicals unit as well as experts from the EEB network all over Europe.

#### **A: Essential criteria**

- At least two years of experience in the field of industrial chemicals or engineering;
- Excellent analytical skills, especially the ability to analyse and understand technically; complex information or hazard information related to industrial chemicals;
- Experience with relevant EU environmental policy e.g. REACH, Water Framework Directive, EQS Directive... ;
- Experience in the Textiles sector or other relevant industrial sectors;
- Ability to process excel datasets;
- Ability to conduct research independently;
- Speak and write English fluently, fluency in other EU languages is considered an asset;
- Be well organized and able to work independently as well as part of a team;
- Good people skills, patience and determination for facing potential conflictual situations.

#### **B: Non essential, but considered an asset**

- A good understanding of the environment policy work and concept behind best available techniques, substitution of hazardous substances, green chemistry;
- Experience with industrial sectors covered by this post;
- Good ability to present, in written and oral form, the key technical dimensions of the relevant topics.

#### **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 3-year work contract / project-based contract, with potential for extension;
- 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 and completed questionnaire (below) should be sent to [personnel@eeb.org](mailto:personnel@eeb.org).

Only applications that include these three components will be considered.

Due to limited staff resources and numbers of CVs anticipated, only candidates selected for interview will receive a reply by 15 March 2018.

<b>Deadline for Application:</b>	<b>7 March 2019</b>
<b>Interviews first round:</b>	<b>Second half of March</b>
<b>Proposed starting date:</b>	<b>Ideally as from April 2019</b>

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Questionnaire for candidates for this post:

**In your own words, please provide brief responses to the following three questions. Your responses should not exceed 2500 characters with spaces per question.**

1. What should be the role of the NGOS in the “Sevilla process” (BREF reviews) and how could we achieve the objective of improved environmental performance? If possible, please give some specific examples.
2. What do you consider as being the main issues for the following BREF reviews: Textiles, Slaughterhouses, Ferrous Metals Processing (in particular in terms of chemicals and water pollution?)
3. Do you see opportunities for accelerating the substitution of hazardous substance use and production within the precited industrial activities and to tackle water pollution from these sectors (question 2) and chemicals manufacturing sites, if so how?