

The EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,
Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organisations,
is recruiting for a new
RESEARCHER: COAL PLANTS AND MINES

The successful candidate will work closely together with our Industry and Communications teams to research and expose the negative impacts of coal/lignite combustion and mining in Europe.

They will work with a range of partners through Europe Beyond Coal – an alliance of health and environmental groups working together to accelerate Europe's transition away from coal and towards safe and sustainable energy.

The work consists of:

- Contributing to our collaborative effort to phase out coal in Europe by 2030 as part of the exciting campaign 'Europe Beyond Coal'
- **Conducting research** on European coal plants and mines that exposes their negative impacts (environmental, health, climate and social) and identifying vulnerabilities linked to lignite mining and plant operation
- **Coordinating EU-wide investigations** into water-related impacts and service costs as well as environmental liability provisions
- **Using publicly available data** (like the E-PRTR and the EEA's water database) and own-initiative access to information requests and research to build stories that accelerate the transition away from coal
- **Writing articles** based on your research for the EEB's news site [META.eeb.org](https://meta.eeb.org) and working with journalists to develop stories for leading media outlets
- **Conceiving data visualisations** and working with designers to tell powerful stories
- **Managing a useful database** of information to enable timely and effective engagement by national campaigners
- **Flagging media and outreach opportunities** and working with the communications team to develop and deliver messaging to appropriate audiences
- Cooperating with the Europe Beyond Coal Secretariat to secure synergies/linkages with other parts of the campaign
- Identifying, developing, coordinating and assessing strategies and tactics
- Assessing, reflecting and reporting on the campaign's progress and success

Qualities and experiences that are useful for this post:

- A good understanding of the environmental and climate consequences of burning coal for energy
- A relevant academic degree (additional work experience may be accepted in lieu of this);
- At least two years of **work experience in research**, ideally at a campaign group or a media organisation
- Ability to **quickly understand new technical information** and spot opportunities to develop media-interest stories, existing technical knowledge about coal-fired power plants, the environmental impact of lignite mining and water pollution would be especially useful
- Experience **working with journalists** and building stories for the media
- A **talented writer**, able to present key technical dimensions of relevant topics to a non-technical audience

- Fluency in spoken and written English, with fluency in other EU languages (especially Spanish, Polish, Czech, Bulgarian, Romanian, Greek and German) considered an asset
- Ability to multi-task, work independently and as part of a team
- Knowledge of relevant EU policy instruments such as mining law, IED and the Water Framework Directive would be an asset (but is not essential for a quick learner)
- Preparedness to work outside normal office hours if necessary and to travel at short notice

The EEB offers:

- A monthly pre-tax salary of around €3,300 (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
- A great working atmosphere in an international environment in Brussels
- A worthy cause, working for a better future where people and nature thrive together
- An organisation committed to our values of democracy, fairness, respect, integrity and sustainability.

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. Please clearly mark: "Researcher: Coal Plants and Mines" in the subject of your application and indicate where you saw this position advertised.

N.B. 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.

Deadline for Application: 29 September 2019

Interviews first round: Early October

Proposed starting date: As soon as possible.

Please read our recruitment privacy statement before applying:

<https://eeb.org/eeb-recruitment-privacy-statement/>

Questionnaire for candidates for this post

In your own words, please provide brief responses to the following three questions. Your responses should not exceed 200 words per question.

1. What kinds of stories would you want to research if you got this job? Why?
2. Write the opening lines of an email to a journalist pitching an imaginary story.
3. Which European lignite power plants and mine operations would you most like to research? Why?

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