

The EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU,

a network of more than 170 environmental citizens' organisations,

has a vacancy for a full-time

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The European Environmental Bureau is the largest and most inclusive European network of environmental citizens' groups – and the only one that works on such a broad range of issues. We advocate for progressive policies to create a better environment in the European Union and beyond.

We are seeking a **Senior Policy Officer Sustainable Development & Public Participation** to coordinate a new, pan-European project focussing on citizens' participation in the European Green Deal and to take up responsibility the EEB's work on Europe's realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the European Green Deal and other key policy instruments.

You will have at least seven years of relevant experience working on sustainability policies in the EU and on public participation and a personal commitment to the work we do. We are looking forward to interviewing candidates with a strong track record in managing large EU-funded projects and who show they strive to be responsible for our policy and advocacy work around the SDGs and the interlinkages with the European Green Deal.

The work consists of:

- Coordinating a three-year EU-wide project on citizens deliberation for the European Green Deal
 including the day-to-day operational management of the project, tracking the activities and
 deliverables, ensuring coherence as well as compliance with EU rules and regulations and
 servicing the consortium and its governance bodies in collaboration with an administrativefinancial project coordinator;
- Ensuring the political relevance and buy-in to the project and be responsible for the advocacy of its findings and political recommendations;
- Developing and building relationships with new partners and members of the consortium as well as new stakeholder groups;
- Representing the EEB and the project in external events;
- Following the implementation of the SDGs in and by the EU and advising on strategic policy interventions;
- Being responsible for our work on monitoring how the European Green Deal contributes to the implementation of the SDGs including the coordination of monitoring reports;
- Leading the EEB's involvement in the civil society coalition SDG Watch Europe;
- Organising, together with our partners, strategic events for European citizens to deliberate on issues linked to the European Green Deal.

Qualities and experience:

- Preferably at least seven years of relevant experience working on sustainability and environmental policies in the EU, experience in SDG monitoring is considered an asset;
- Experiences with public participation in the EU, direct involvement in citizens' participation such as citizens assemblies is considered an asset;
- Interest in and good knowledge of EU politics and processes in general;
- Clear track record of project management responsibilities for larger, EU-funded projects with big consortia, having managed an EU-funded research project, in particular Horizon2020, is considered an asset;

- Strong presentational skills applicable to both internal and external events with a track record of representing an organisation at EU or international level;
- High level of written and spoken English (native speaker or equivalent); knowledge of other widely spoken European languages an asset;
- Experience working for a civil society, membership or other purpose-based organisation;
- Subscribes to the EEB's values.

The EEB offers:

- A competitive salary coupled (with a minimum EUR 3.300 gross monthly salary depending on experience) with various additional benefits including holiday bonus, 13th month, pension scheme, luncheon vouchers;
- A dynamic, friendly, flexible working environment where the staff follows a mix of working from the office and home (also beyond COVID19 restrictions);
- An initial contract for 3 years.

Location: The candidate is expected to work most of the time from our office in Brussels

Deadline for Application: 24 October 2021

Interviews first round: Starting from 1 November

Starting date: 1 February 2022

How to apply:

Applications consisting of 1) a letter of motivation explaining why you bring the qualities and skills we are looking for <u>clearly mentioning or listing experiences in managing EU-funded projects</u>, 2) a comprehensive CV and 3) a completed questionnaire (see below) should be sent to <u>personnel@eeb.org</u>. **Only applications comprising these three elements will be considered.** Please clearly mark: "Senior PO Sustainable Development and Public Participation" in the subject of your email.

The EEB is an equal-opportunities and family-friendly employer. We encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates.

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

Please read our recruitment privacy statement before applying: https://eeb.org/eeb-recruitment-privacy-statement/

Questionnaire for Senior Policy Officer post

Please answer the following questions:

- 1.) The European Green Deal has been presented as the EU's main tool to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. What are the opportunities and what are the challenges around ensuring long-term sustainability in the EU and does the European Green Deal serve this purpose? Please share your opinion in no more than 500 words.
- 2.) How does the EU, in particular the European Commission, ensure public participation? How could citizens' participation be increased, and what role could deliberative democracy play across the EU? Please share your ideas in no more than 500 words.

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