

SACAR aisbl, a Brussels-based not-for-profit organisation managing several European & international trade associations representing businesses active in the trade of agri-food products, is looking for a

FOOD POLICY ADVISER

to start as soon as possible

TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Horizontal responsibilities:
 - Monitoring, analysis and reporting on Food Policy, Food Law, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and nutrition issues
 - Identify issues of particular relevance to the members of the trade associations hosted or serviced by SACAR in the area of food safety and food policy, FRUCOM in particular
 - Provide technical and analytical support to these trade associations and be a contact point for enquiries
 - Coordination of advocacy & lobbying activities in close cooperation with the Secretary general and members
 - Support to internal projects and data collection & management
- Tasks:
 - EU policy monitoring and strategic analysis in the area of food law, food policy, nutrition, SPS issues.
 - Key areas include, but are not limited to:
 - Official controls and import regulations, EU RASFF
 - Pesticide Regulations (MLRs, authorizations, etc.)
 - Contaminants (Mycotoxins, Heavy metals)
 - Organic policy
 - Attend and report on meetings of a technical nature
 - Communication with EU officials, members and relevant stakeholders
 - Preparation of content for newsletters and internal working group meetings
 - Advising members on technical questions related to EU food policy and food law
 - Management of internal projects on contaminants, pesticides and nutrition; data collection & management; overseeing the work of experts; updates on progress

Required profile:

1. Education & Experience:

- A University degree in agriculture, food science, food technology, chemistry or related areas with a technical background. Do not apply if you do not meet this requirement.
- A minimum of 3 years of professional experience in EU Regulatory Affairs, ideally within or in relation to a European trade association
- Solid knowledge of and proven exposure to the EU institutional setting and EU policy-making process in the agri-food area

- Comfortable and experienced with EU technical legislation and scientific publications (e.g. EFSA reports)
- Familiarity with project management
- Full proficiency in IT tools (search, extranets, various databases, MS office)

2. Skills & Abilities

- Team-player with a positive and a 'can-do' attitude, a sense of initiative and an interest in continuous learning.
- Detail-oriented and focused on results.
- An analytical and structured mind able to research, analyse and report on technical issues in a concise and well-written manner to a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with a sense of diplomacy.
- Personal integrity and commitment to build lasting professional relationships with colleagues and stakeholders.
- Ability to organize and prioritize work, multitask and meet strict timelines.
- Ability and willingness to work both within a multi-cultural team and autonomously with limited supervision
- Excellent written and spoken English; French, German and other EU languages an asset.

SACAR offers :

- A full-time work contract under Belgian law
- Salary according to experience plus an additional package of benefits.
- Expected starting date: as soon as possible and before 23 October 2020

Suitable candidates should send their application by e-mail in English to sacar@sacar.be (Attention: Ms. Sylvie Mamias, SACAR Managing Director) with "Application – Food Policy Adviser" as the subject and include as attachments:

- a CV
- a short cover letter
- a reference letter and/or contact details of a referee
- an indication of the availability to start in the position
- an indication of salary expectations, if any

Deadline for applications: Thursday 1 October 2020 – 1.00 PM CET

Interviews will be held in the first half of October

The first and/or second round of interviews may take place through videoconferencing.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We will not be able to acknowledge all applications received.