

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

POLICY ADVISER – TRADE & SUSTAINABILITY

to start as soon as possible

TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The tasks and responsibilities of the Policy Adviser will be twofold:

- 1) Reporting to the SACAR Managing Director and to the Board of Directors, the successful candidate will manage ASSUC, one of the trade associations hosted by SACAR representing sixty member companies engaged in the European sugar trade at international level.** Responsibilities will include:
 - Monitoring, analysis and daily reporting activities in all policy and regulatory fields relevant to the members of the association (e.g. EU external trade policy developments, customs issues, etc.);
 - Representation and promotion of the association towards the EU institutions and further afield;
 - Active networking with member companies, other stakeholders and organisations, of both an institutional and business nature;
 - Organisation and coordination of meetings for members of the association;
 - Coordination of the operational management of the association.

- 2) Under the collective structure and management of SACAR, the successful candidate will also initiate and provide support to the other associations member of SACAR active in agri-food trade in the areas of trade policy and the sustainability agenda.** The Policy adviser will work in close cooperation with other SACAR team members and report to the SACAR Managing Director and Secretaries-General of the other trade associations. Tasks will include:
 - Active monitoring, analysis and reporting on EU & international trade policy and regulatory developments in the agri-food trade area ;
 - Active monitoring, analysis and reporting on a range of issues pertaining to sustainability and to the EU Green Deal agenda: regulatory developments as well as private-sector initiatives of relevance to the members of the various trade associations and to internationally operating supply-chains in the agri-food sector;
 - Support in advocacy activities in these areas;
 - Writing of information material directed to the member associations;
 - Preparation and participation in meetings

Required profile:

1. Education & Experience:

- A University degree in European studies, Economics, International Affairs with a focus on business and trade, Agri-business / Agro-economy or equivalent
- A minimum of 2 years of professional experience in EU Policy & Regulatory Affairs in the areas of trade and/or sustainability, ideally within or in relation to a European trade association
- Solid knowledge of and proven exposure to the EU and international trade rules and policies, especially in agriculture, including those of the WTO

- Solid knowledge of and proven exposure to the EU institutional setting and EU policy-making process, ideally in the agri-food area
- A good understanding of agri-food trade and supply-chain related issues
- Exposure to sustainability issues, preferably in the agriculture context and with a business focus, and familiarity with the international & EU policy agendas in these areas.
- A track-record of advocacy / lobbying activities in the EU institutional context would be an asset;
- An internship and/or work experience at DG TRADE, DG ENVI, or DG AGRICULTURE of the European Commission or with European Parliament Committees (INTA/ AGRI/ ENVI) would be highly desirable.

2. Skills & Abilities

- Team-player with a positive and a ‘can-do’ attitude, a sense of initiative and an interest in continuous learning.
- Ability and flexibility to work on multiple tasks simultaneously and autonomously and to deliver results under pressure.
- An analytical and structured mind able to research, analyse and report on complex issues in a concise and well-written manner to a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with a sense of diplomacy.
- An aptitude to carry out the operational and strategic management of a European trade association in the best interest of its members.
- Affinity with and broad understanding of agri-trade and agri-food businesses.
- 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 is essential; 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 ideally 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 Policy Adviser – Trade & Sustainability” as the subject and include as attachments:

- (1) a CV
- (2) a short cover letter
- (3) a reference letter and/or contact details of a referee
- (4) an indication of the availability to start in the position
- (5) an indication of salary expectations, if any

Deadline for applications: Tuesday 6 October 2020 – 6.00 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.