

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

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

Suitable candidates should send their application by e-mail in English to office@sacar.be (Attention: Ms. Anna Boulova, 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: 7 May 2021

Interviews will be held in the second and third weeks of May.

The first round of interviews will take place through videoconferencing. The second round will be held in the office.

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