Senior Policy Officer

Food and Agriculture

**Brussels based**

We are growing our policy team and are looking for someone with strong experience in the Food policy arena to join our Institutions, Governments, and Cities team. The Senior Policy Officer will engage with EU Institutions, and where relevant, International Institutions (e.g. UN, G7, G20, OECD) and targeted National Governments in order to support the transition towards a circular economy.

The successful candidate will be highly literate on the EU policy ecosystem and the working mechanisms of international institutions with an understanding of key stakeholders and processes and will have experience in our key Systemic Initiative (SI) for Food. Please find a link to the programme here: [Food Initiative](#)

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation’s Institutions, Government and Cities Programme (IGC):
Institutions, Governments and Cities can create the right enabling conditions for circular economy activity to thrive. They can set direction where appropriate and be drivers of innovation and investment in a circular economy themselves. From international institutions that set the global agenda to municipal entities that deliver change at the local level, we aim to engage stakeholders at all scales - from inspiration to implementation.

**Role & Responsibilities:**

- **Grow and maintain the Foundation’s relationships** with key EU Institutions (primarily) and International Institutions (e.g. OECD, UN, FAO, UNEP) that are working on the Food topic.

- **Represent the Foundation and share the Foundation’s insights** with EU Institutions and International Institutions by attending and speaking at external events and participating in external meetings, drawing on experts within our SI teams as appropriate.

- **Keep abreast of key policy and legislative developments** in Brussels on Food within specific international institutions, and where relevant in targeted countries, identifying opportunities for collaboration and intervention. Share these insights with the Foundation’s SI and IGC teams.

- **Identify research and policy analysis needs** and work with the SI teams and the IGC research unit to deliver position papers and policy briefings for use internally and with key stakeholders.

**Your profile:**
- Academic degree in a relevant field (economics, environment, political science, law);
Good working knowledge of EU and international policy processes;
Strong network and track record of building relationships across EU institutions and other key stakeholders;
Experience in Food policy or related field with the ability to pick up technical details quickly;
Ability to direct, steer, and align internal resources, ability to manage upwards;
Excellent communication skills both written and verbal, with the ability to summarise complex information;
Strong programme management and organisational skills, with proven ability to organize, manage and deliver work products on time;
Ability to work effectively within a cross-cultural, multinational environment;
Team player, flexible and pragmatic, with strong interpersonal skills;
Ability to travel, including regular trips to the Foundation’s office in Cowes, UK;
Ability to work independently.

Please apply with CV, covering letter and salary expectation to:
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Desired starting date: asap. Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions we envisage the interview process taking place remotely.
Closing date: April 13th 2020
Salary package: Competitive within the charity sector
Location: Brussels, Belgium

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