Policy Officer on Sustainable Consumption and Production

BEUC, The European Consumer Organisation, and ANEC, The Consumer Voice in Standardisation are currently looking for a policy officer to reinforce their Sustainability Teams.

The Policy Officer will be responsible for:

- Coordinating our work related to a Horizon 2020 Project on longer lifetimes and repair for consumer products. The PROMPT Project is a joint undertaking of consumer groups, researchers and repair companies from different European countries to fight products which fail too early, a phenomenon also known as ‘premature obsolescence’.

- Developing our advocacy work related to sustainable design of products. This includes drafting position papers and technical comments as well as outreach to the EU institutions, standardisation bodies, our member network and other stakeholders.

- Organising the dissemination and communication about main project results including through workshops and conferences

You will be part of and contribute to a sustainability team which focuses on the latest EU developments in the area of sustainable consumption and production such as related to the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan.

Your profile:

- A Master degree, ideally with a background in environmental sciences;
- At least 3 years’ professional experience in environmental policy making
- A solid background in sustainable product policy and its major tools such as product design and labelling
- A proven interest in understanding, appreciating and articulating the consumer interest;
- Advanced project management skills;
- Very good knowledge of the EU institutions and its political decision-making process;
- Good knowledge and experience in technical standardisation an advantage;
- First class written and oral communications skills with English skills at C1 level. Second EU language an advantage;
- Experience in the planning and organisation of conferences
- Confident handling of common videoconferencing tools and experience in giving presentations and facilitating meetings online.
What we offer:
- A multidisciplinary and multicultural working environment within organisations dedicated to promoting consumer interests;
- The opportunity to meet and work with consumer representatives and other experts from more than 30 European countries.
- A full-time 1-year contract (renewable) with a competitive package (salary, fringe benefits, extra-legal paid leave, flexi-time).

Applications for the post, including motivation letter and CV, should be sent by 14 September 2020 by e-mail to apply@beuc.eu with subject line: Policy Officer on Sustainable Consumption and Production - PROMPT. Two rounds of interviews will be held during the second half of September, with entry into function in October. Because of the health crisis, at least the first round of interviews will be held via videoconferencing.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Your application should include the following documents (with your name as file name):

1. A short motivation letter (in English)
2. A detailed CV (in English)
3. In a separate file, answers to the following questions:
   - Why would you like to work at BEUC and ANEC?
     - Briefly explain the main reasons that motivate you to work at BEUC and ANEC, using maximum 150 words.
   - Why should we appoint you?
     - Tell us why you think we should appoint you rather than other candidates, using maximum 150 words.
   - Describe how you would advocate for longer lasting and more repairable products? (Maximum 250 words.)

Any incomplete applications will be disregarded.

BEUC and ANEC are equal-opportunities employers.

Privacy policy: The personal data we collect during hiring processes is only used for the purposes of carrying out the selection process and is deleted once the process has ended. For short-listed candidates, we routinely ask for their consent to keep their information for six months after the end of the selection process, in case other vacancies that could fit their profile open up.