

Legal Research Officer – Consumer Law

Full time two-year contract

BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, is looking for a legal research officer to reinforce its Legal and Economic Department, in particular on files related to consumer rights in the digital economy. The main task is to undertake research and to co-ordinate our work on a project to modernise EU consumer law (2-year contract).

The tasks of the position will include:

- co-ordinating the implementation of a project on the modernisation of consumer law in the data economy;
- carrying-out research on existing gaps of consumer law with regard to unfair commercial practices in the data economy and the need to protect consumers' autonomy;
- supporting the implementation of all project objectives, including consultations and organisation of events;
- working with an academic advisory board to discuss how consumer law can be adapted to provide for more effective protection in the digital economy;
- helping develop an interdisciplinary approach to consumer and other relevant areas of law, such as data protection and competition law and their enforcement;
- analysing and writing a report about relevant academic literature and studies;
- supporting BEUC teams in their work on files related to consumer law and digital policies;
- maintaining and developing contacts with academics, EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders.

The main qualifications we are looking for are:

- an advanced University degree in Law ideally with a specialisation in consumer law; (a specialisation in ICT law would also be an advantage);
- at least 3 years of professional experience working on EU consumer and/or ICT law;
- a research job experience in an academic institution would be an advantage;
- excellent analytical and writing skills in English; knowledge of other EU languages would be an advantage;
- a proven ability to understand, appreciate and explain complex legal questions;
- a demonstrable interest in new technologies, articulating and defending the consumer interest and ensuring a fair digital transformation of our society;
- ability to work well with people from diverse backgrounds;
- team player; ability to perform under pressure; well organised.

What we offer:

- A multidisciplinary and multicultural working environment within an organisation dedicated to the promotion of the interests of consumers;
- Networking opportunities with numerous stakeholders and decision makers;
- A full-time contract with a competitive package (salary, fringe benefits, extra-legal paid leave, flexi-time).

Applications for these positions should be sent **by 26 September 2019** by e-mail to **apply@beuc.eu** with the respective subject line: **Legal Research Officer**.

The first round of interviews is expected to take place mid-October.

Please note that due to the volume of applications expected, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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

1. **A short motivation letter**
2. **A detailed curriculum-vitae**
3. In a separate file, **answers to the following questions:**
 - Why would you like to work at BEUC? Briefly explain the main reasons that motivate you to work at BEUC (maximum 150 words).
 - Why should BEUC appoint you? Tell us why you think we should appoint you rather than other candidates (maximum 150 words).
 - What are, according to your analysis, the most important challenges EU consumers currently face in the digital environment and how can EU consumer law address such challenges (maximum 250 words).

Any incomplete applications will be disregarded.

BEUC is an equal-opportunities employer.

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 shortlisted candidates, we routinely ask for their consent to keep their information for 6 months after the end of the selection process, in case other vacancies that could fit their profile open up.