

Valia

Job Title: EU Public Affairs Consultant

Location: Remote (CET Time zone), ideally based in Brussels

Contract: Full time 1 year, with the possibility of renewal

Start date: ASAP

About us

Valia is a Brussels-based boutique agency providing public affairs services to organisations championing progressive policies and striving for social change. We help clients navigate the Brussels bubble and provide tailor-made, impactful advocacy strategies, policy and regulatory analysis, and stakeholder engagement support. We are active at the EU and member state level as well as around global decision-making moments like the G7, G20, and COP. We support work across a wide range of issues, including international development and finance, climate change and sustainability, global health, education and food security, digital rights and corporate transparency.

Some of our biggest accomplishments include securing ambitious commitments from world leaders to fight poverty and climate change, raising billions from the EU in health and education funding for global instruments, and influencing ground-breaking legislation on financial transparency and digital issues.

We have had the pleasure to work with some of the leading actors driving transformative change at the global level. Past and current clients include: Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Avaaz; CONCORD Europe; Fair Trade Advocacy Office; Foxglove; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; Global Agriculture and Food Security Program; Global Citizen; Global Witness; Pandemic Action Network; Their World; UNAIDS; UNICEF; WaterAid; Wellcome Trust, and more.

Role

This is an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic small team and gain experience across research, writing, advocacy and campaigns, while contributing to drive social change. Focus areas include EU budget and external action (global health, gender equality and climate change more specifically). The role offers truly unique exposure to a wide range of issues and sectors including civil society, philanthropy and international organisations. The ideal candidate is a policy wonk and a passionate advocate with entrepreneurial personality and a hands-on, can-do attitude.

Responsibilities

- Deliver high-quality, high-impact work on client engagements
- Develop briefings, notes, policy analysis and research on EU current affairs and developments in sectors of interest for the consultancy (particularly EU budget, global health, climate change)
- Support the development of advocacy strategies
- Conduct stakeholders' mapping
- Monitor parliamentary processes, hearings and relevant EU institutional and political developments
- Attend and report on relevant external events and conferences
- Support in the organization of client events

Skills and Experience

- Degree in EU studies, International Development, Politics, Social Science, or equivalent experience
- At least 2 years of experience in an EU Institution, public affairs agency or advocacy organisation
- A strong understanding of EU politics, policy issues and current affairs

- Expert knowledge of the international development sector, ideally of global health or climate change
- Excellent English writing and oral skills, additional languages are an asset
- Committed to impact with outstanding attention to detail and accuracy
- Comfortable working under pressure and very tight deadlines
- Proactive and strong problem-solving skills, can-do attitude

To apply, please send a **CV and a 1 page cover letter** explaining why this is the job for you to info@valia.be with the subject line "EU Public Affairs Consultant". Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.