

Valia

Position: Senior EU Policy & Advocacy Consultant

Location: Remote (based in Brussels with permission to work)

Contract: Full time

Start date: As soon as possible

Apply by: 5 April 2026

Interviews: On a rolling basis

How to apply: Please follow instructions [here](#)

About Valia

Valia is a Brussels-based boutique consultancy supporting bold organisations working to advance progressive EU policy on international development, climate, finance, global health, education, and more.

We design and deliver tailored advocacy strategies, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement to influence EU legislation, policies and finance decisions that drive real-world change. Our clients include the Gates Foundation, Global Citizen, and other leading global actors.

Learn more at valia.be.

Role

We're looking for a senior public affairs professional with deep knowledge of EU politics and policy — particularly around the EU budget and development cooperation — to help lead high-impact advocacy projects and position our clients strategically within EU policy frameworks to advance their goals.

This role offers a unique opportunity to get high exposure to a broad portfolio of issues, sectors and clients. You will play a key part in designing and delivering advocacy strategies around the EU's external budget (MFF), working closely with partner organisations co-leading the MFFhub.org. You will also lead the project management of an advocacy initiative aiming to mobilise high-level voices in support of EU development aid.

Who Thrives at Valia

Thriving at Valia is as much about mindset as it is about experience. You will excel if you are:

- Energised by advocacy and networking—you enjoy being out front, engaging stakeholders, and making things happen;
- Politically sharp—you follow EU politics closely and understand where influence lies;
- Highly organised and responsive—you can manage multiple workstreams, switch contexts quickly, and stay on top of fast-moving developments;

- Detail-oriented to a fault—you catch the small things that matter, ensure consistency and accuracy across outputs, and take pride in high-quality, polished work;
- Entrepreneurial and proactive—you take ownership, spot opportunities, and understand the requirements of a consultancy business;
- Autonomous yet collaborative—you work independently but build trust easily with clients, colleagues, and partners;
- Reliable and “on it”—you are committed, responsive, and deliver consistently at a high level.

Responsibilities

- Proactively gathering intelligence, monitoring developments and analysing EU policies, budget processes and legislation;
- Design and implement high-impact advocacy strategies targeting key EU decision-makers;
- Build, activate, and expand networks across EU institutions, Member States, and other stakeholders;
- Develop sharp, persuasive briefings, messaging, and advocacy materials;
- Manage relationships with clients and strategic partners, ensuring trust and high-quality delivery;
- Support coalition-building efforts and coordinated advocacy initiatives;
- Track political developments in real time and help clients act quickly on emerging opportunities;
- Contribute to broader strategic thinking and business development within Valia.

Skills and Experience

- 6–12 years of relevant experience in EU advocacy, policy analysis or institutional relations;
- Proven experience designing and implementing EU advocacy strategies;
- Deep understanding of EU institutions, political dynamics, legislative and decision-making processes—especially related to external action and the MFF;
- Familiarity with issues of interest to Valia including international cooperation, development finance, global health, education, climate and energy, or strong motivation to develop expertise in these areas;
- An existing network in Brussels and a genuine enthusiasm for stakeholder engagement and coalition-building;
- Excellent writer and communicator, able to engage high-level stakeholders and adapt narratives and messages to different audiences;
- Entrepreneurial and proactive, with a hands-on mindset;
- Comfortable managing your own time and projects in a small, remote team.