

Job description

Senior Policy Advisor on renewable electrification & corporate sourcing

Policy & Content Unit

Full time, permanent position

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Background on SolarPower Europe

SolarPower Europe is a member-led association representing the European solar PV sector. SolarPower Europe's aim is to ensure that more energy is generated by solar than any other energy source by 2030 and lead our members to make solar the core of a smart, sustainable and inclusive energy system.

We are an award winning association and have over 250 members spanning 35 countries. We aim to produce thought-leading energy market, business and policy analysis and support our members through creative and successful advocacy campaigns. We offer a dynamic working environment within a close-knit and multicultural team in Brussels.

We are seeking a highly motivated professional to join our Policy team, and scale-up our activities on renewable hydrogen.

This position is a perfect opportunity for an ambitious and talented individual to work in a continuously evolving market, develop deep knowledge of solar PV technology and renewables, while strengthening public affairs and policy skills within an award winning advocacy association.

Person description

- You have a Masters Degree in a relevant discipline (Political Science, Energy and Climate Regulation, Economics) and a proven track record of 2-3 years of experience
- You have a sound understanding of EU decision making processes, and a robust experience working on EU energy and climate policies
- You have strong technical and political expertise in renewable energies, and knowledge about renewable energy Power Purchase Agreements and Guarantees of Origin, decentralized energy resources, such as rooftop solar and storage, and building decarbonisation strategies are a definite plus.
- You are familiar with relevant energy & climate EU policy files such as the Clean Energy Package, the Renewable Energy Directive, Energy Efficiency Directive, and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.
- You are fluent in English and at least one other EU language

Profile

- You have a passion for the energy transition and for renewable energy
- You are hardworking, result-oriented and able to provide creative and simple solutions to complex issues
- You have strong analytical skills and deliver evidence-based and high-quality content, as well as strategic insights

- You are a good communicator and are able to express ideas in a clear and concise manner, in both written and oral forms
- You are a good public speaker, able to represent the association in public conference and external meetings
- You have excellent networking skills, can establish new contacts easily and create alliances of stakeholders to further your cause.
- You have demonstrated your ability to coordinate multi-stakeholder projects, with senior representatives
- You are a team player and can work under time pressure.

Our ideal candidate would have previous work experience in the field of energy and climate policies.

Key responsibilities

Reporting to the Policy Director, you will:

- Be responsible for SolarPower Europe's advocacy work on the Renewable Energy Directive (RED III) and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive as part of the Fit for 55 package
- Shape the Re-Source platform policy activities, and promote corporate sourcing of renewables and the role of Power Purchase Agreements to encourage further electrification of the European economy;
- Be in charge of running internal policy workstreams covering solar and storage in buildings in EU policy;
- Conduct research and produce evidence-based positions to support our positions on the potential of rooftop PV and storage, with the support of our member experts
- Support SolarPower Europe's engagement with the Electrification Alliance
- Prepare briefing notes, presentations and relevant materials in relation to these policy area(s) for members, the management team, external stakeholders and journalists;
- Define and implement advocacy strategies to promote our positions by interacting with EU-decision makers and stakeholders;
- Create, maintain and extend over time a strong network of contacts in the Brussels EU policy community;
- Ensure external representation of our positions by attending and speaking at workshops and conferences;
- Contribute to the content of SolarPower Europe's communication channels e.g. newsletter, social media and website;
- Performing any other tasks or duties required of the role as appropriate.

Some international travel within Europe will be required.

Our offer

SolarPower Europe offers a comprehensive compensation package commensurate with qualifications and experience for this full time, permanent position.

Application

Please email your application in English to SolarPower Recruitment (recruitment@solarpowereurope.org) before COB 14 February 2022 quoting "Senior Policy Advisor electrification and corporate sourcing" and your full name in the email subject line. Your application should include:

- A cover letter (maximum 1 page) outlining your motivation for the job, why you would be a good candidate and when you would be able to start;
- a CV (maximum 2 pages).

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.