



Position opening at ECVC: Climate Policy Officer

DEADLINE: December 21, 2020

ECVC is looking for a Climate Policy Officer, starting January 2021, based in the ECVC office in Brussels.

Background:

European Coordination Via Campesina is a European grassroots organization which currently brings together 31 national and regional farmers, farm workers and rural organizations based in 21 European countries. Rooted on the right to Food Sovereignty, our main objective is the defense of farmers' and field workers' rights as well as the promotion of diverse and sustainable family and peasant farming. ECVC is the regional member of La Via Campesina, the largest grassroots international peasant movement. Together we strive for societies where agriculture serves the needs of the communities rather than financial markets or corporations.

ECVC has a small staff team in Brussels, but our work is regularly shared and supported by our membership coming from different regions in Europe.

Starting from January 2021 we are looking for someone to fill a new position of Policy Officer. This person will be responsible for carrying out a written, in-depth analysis of EU legislative processes around the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies in the Green Deal, to be shared with ECVC members and leadership.

Start date: January 2021

Location: The work **is carried out** from our Brussels office, subject to national health requirements.

Responsibilities:

Policy analysis:

- following the political negotiations, developing political and technical analysis that provide the basis for discussions among ECVC members;
- ensuring climate interconnectivity among the different ECVC working areas;
- facilitating the development of an advocacy strategy with ECVC political leadership;
- analyze the impacts of European policies on **the climate agenda** of countries outside of the EU in order to facilitate positions and connect with other organisations from La Via Campesina international.

Advocacy work:

- preparing and coordinating advocacy activities for ECVC political leadership
- facilitate ECVC's positioning in these processes based on an in-depth analysis through targeted advocacy actions in key moments of the agricultural-climate related legislative and political processes as well as public statements in coordination with ECVC's Communication Officer
- ensure that ECVC can act in a timely fashion in the **European climate agenda** and to facilitate connection with other potential ally groups: assist in EU policy spaces (Civil Dialogue Groups, DG-SANTE advisory groups, key consultations processes, etc.), targeted communication with relevant EU institutions, develop synergies with other ally groups acting at EU level

Work with ECVC member organizations:

- actively exchanging with ECVC member organizations, bringing together information about national positions
- informing member organizations at national level on the ongoing process at EU level, enabling them to act at national policy level
- ensure information and knowledge transfer in both directions, between and among ECVC members, through written updates and interconnection of various Working Groups being impacted by such policy files.
- organization of training sessions for member organisations of ECVC on climate related agricultural policy: the goal is to provide information to members on the key political processes in this area and to empower them with tools for acting at national level.
- regular thematic virtual meetings with members to update on the evolution of the political processes at EU level and at national level, and in doing so regularly update the advocacy strategy.

Skills and experience we are looking for:

- University degree (preferably in agronomy or political sciences but not obligatory);
- At least three years of professional experience in relevant environment (agricultural and biodiversity policies and research)
- In-depth knowledge of the EU institutions and its legislative procedures;
- In-depth knowledge at technical and political level of the policy files around the Green Deal (Farm to Fork, Biodiversity Strategy) and the Common Agriculture Policy;
- Knowledge of the agricultural sector: agricultural, climate and biodiversity policies (seeds, GMOs, peasant rights);
- Familiarity with the values and principles of Peasant Agriculture;
- Full professional proficiency in English or Spanish, and proficiency in French, with the ability to communicate in all three languages. Knowledge in other European languages are also very welcomed;
- Good oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to work equally as well alone or as part of a team;
- Good inter-cultural skills;
- Proven capacity to organize people and work in teams;

- Understanding and commitment to intersectionality;
- Ability to be flexible with hours and work assignments;
- Willing to travel within Europe for events and meetings;
- Permission to work in the EU.

What we offer:

- A contract for 38h/week. Initial contract is for 12 months (with possibility of extension depending on the financial situation of ECVC). It is ECVC's intention to establish a longer-term relationship.
- Salary conditions: the salary will be determined based on the candidate's experience in accordance with the ECVC salary grid. The salary is between 2750EUR – 3315EUR monthly gross salary (for the full-time position) with 20 days paid holidays, and in addition holiday payment and 13th month. Conditions are according to Belgian legislation.
- The opportunity to participate in the rich social, political and cultural events organized in and around Brussels by our members and networks.

How to apply:

Candidates must send the following documents in English to info@eurovia.org by **midnight CET on 21 DECEMBER 2020** (email header □ YOUR NAME + Policy Officer application) :

- CV: 2pg maximum
- Cover letter: 1 pg maximum

Due to limited work capacity, only candidates who will be invited to interviews will be notified. Interviews are foreseen for the second half of December 2020.