



## Slow Food has a vacancy for a full-time POLICY OFFICER for the Slow Food office in Brussels

Job experience: 1-3 years

Job location: Brussels (Rue de l'Industrie 10), occasional travel required

Start: 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018

### ABOUT

Slow Food is a global grassroots organization that envisions a world in which all people can access and enjoy food that is good for them, good for those who grow it and good for the planet. Slow Food involves over a million activists, chefs, experts, youth, farmers, fishers and academics in over 160 countries.

### JOB PURPOSE SUMMARY

The post-holder will be responsible for the advocacy work actions in relation to the European food and farming policies (in particular, CAP and GMOs-related policies), in collaboration with the colleagues in the Brussels Office and in the international headquarters in Italy, as well as with experts from the Slow Food European network.

### Key responsibilities

- Contribute to the development and implementation of the strategic priorities and work programme of Slow Food in Europe and, in particular, to the implementation of a long-term, successful advocacy strategy for a transition towards more sustainable food systems in Europe
- Monitor and report on relevant EU policy developments and provide background information to the other team members and Slow Food network as appropriate
- Implement and follow-up Slow Food policy demands, supporting flexibly and as appropriate its priorities
- Establish and maintain strategic relationships with relevant stakeholders and partner organisations
- Represent Slow Food in relevant fora (e.g. in stakeholder consultation groups, conferences)
- Plan, execute and implement advocacy actions aimed at policymakers and other stakeholders
- Contribute to the efficient organisation of the office activities including internal meetings and administrative tasks
- Contribute to the organisation and realisation of public conferences, meetings and actions in cooperation with other partner organisations

### Skills and personality

- Relevant academic degree (including gastronomic, agronomic, environmental or political sciences)
- At least 1 year of work experience in policy and advocacy
- Sound grasp of the functioning of EU institutions and a good understanding of how decisions on EU policies are made and how to effectively influence them. Knowledge of European food-related policies (e.g. CAP and GMOs-related policies) is a strong asset;
- Ability and motivation to advocate for a transition towards more sustainable food systems
- Ability to understand and identify opportunities in the decision-making processes
- Ability to advocate effectively and to communicate in an articulated manner to a wide range of audiences both in writing and orally
- Ability to formulate recommendations, research information, analyse documents and monitor policy processes



- Experience in and ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders coming from different backgrounds, cultures and sectors of civil society
- Excellent coordination, organisation and networking skills
- Independent, accountable and with good team working abilities
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English. Fluency in other European languages is a strong asset
- Able to work under pressure, manage challenging workload and tight deadlines; be prepared to work outside normal office hours if necessary; willing to travel within Europe on occasional basis
- Computer literate, with good working knowledge of word processing, e-mail and Internet applications
- Experience with our worldwide movement is a plus

### **Why work for Slow Food**

- a challenging and worthy cause to advocate for in an international, highly stimulating environment: you will help promote good, clean and fair food for all
- support and co-develop the functioning of a European-wide network
- work at an international level in a dynamic environment on a wide variety of European projects and topics
- the opportunity of being part of a grassroots worldwide food movement with the possibility to give your ideas and input, ensuring the success of the organisation
- possibility to attend relevant events and meetings
- space for personal development

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

### **Terms of employment**

The contract will have a limited duration of one year that could be extended. The assignment will start as soon as possible (preferred date: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018).

### **Remuneration package**

The gross salary is in line with that of an NGO, on the basis of the full-time job (typically 38 hours per week).

## **APPLICATION**

Please send (in English):

1. your CV
2. your cover letter
3. your answer to the following question: what would you consider to be the essential elements of a successful advocacy strategy to promote a sustainable food system in Europe? (2 pages max.)

by e-mail: [europa@slowfood.it](mailto:europa@slowfood.it) with the subject "Application: Policy Officer", **by Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 23.50 (CET).**

Job interviews will be scheduled physically or through Skype (if you're not based in Belgium) in the second half of January.

Please note that due to limited staff resources and expected numbers of applications, only candidates selected for interview will receive a reply.

Please note that our office will be closed as of December 20<sup>th</sup> until January 8<sup>th</sup>.