



**Pesticide  
Action  
Network**  
Europe

## **PAN Europe Chemicals Officer**

### ***Pesticide Action Network Europe is seeking a part-time Brussels based, Chemicals Officer***

Pesticide Action Network Europe seeks a part-time Chemicals Project Officer to help deliver the network's advocacy objectives for pesticide regulation in Europe, via close liaison with its member NGOs and other stakeholders. Issues you will lobby on are endocrine disrupting effects, developmental neurotoxicity, substitution of pesticides, persistent & bioaccumulative pesticides, and combination effects among others, as well as the on-going process of approval of individual pesticides.

The project officer will work with PAN Europe's Policy Officer, Network Coordinator (currently based in London), PAN Europe consultants and Board members and NGOs throughout Europe who make up our Chemicals Working Group. The main responsibilities of the role are: advocacy work; preparing media materials and events; arranging parliamentary briefings; coordinating the Working Group of PAN members; supporting working group members in their national advocacy work.

We are looking for somebody with toxicological and eco-toxicological expertise and knowledge of risk assessment, good communication skills and understanding of EU policy processes and a background in European environment and health issues is essential and EFSA decision making processes desirable.

The post will be based in Brussels and may require occasional travel to other European cities. This position is offered on a 12 month fixed term contract basis for 2-3 days per week, subject to Belgian law, starting April 2010.

See job description and person specification at [www.pan-europe.info](http://www.pan-europe.info)

**Closing date: 15 March 2010** We anticipate holding interviews at the end of March.

Please send you CV along with a letter stating why you are suitable for the post to Rachel Sutton [rachel@pan-europe.info](mailto:rachel@pan-europe.info) PAN Europe, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT, UK

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

*November 2009 saw the conclusion of a set of EU legislation on pesticides. This included an EU regulation on the authorisation of plant protection products. Although good criteria and principles have been adopted in the regulation, much depends on the implementation of all the provisions. Implementation rules are to be drawn up for the approval process. This stage is critical as it will either strengthen or weaken the criteria and principles.*

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Tasks:**

- Develop the PAN Europe chemicals strategy with support from Board and Working Group members and lead its implementation
- Keeping abreast of the EU policy agenda on pesticide authorisation
- Co-ordinate the activities of the PAN Europe Chemicals Working Group, mostly via email with occasional meetings
- Lead lobby work to prevent the approval of specific hazardous pesticides
- Keeping working group members informed of key decisions
- Representing PAN Europe in external events, and in the media
- Contributing relevant news to PAN Europe website and newsletter
- Liaising with PAN E Board members and staff to ensure cohesion with PAN Europe's strategic objectives

### **Experience/ Skills/ Knowledge:**

- Toxicological knowledge of health effects of pesticides such as endocrine disruptors, neurotoxicity, cumulative effects
- Experience in EU decision making
- Experience in strategising advocacy work with a broad range of NGOs
- Excellent written and spoken English. Other European languages will be an advantage
- Ability to rapidly acquire understanding of technical arguments and policy processes in relation to pesticide authorisation
- Ability to communicate complex technical and scientific information to a non-technical audience in a simple form
- Confidence in speaking to a range of stakeholders (media; policymakers; NGOs)