



Campaigner/ Policy officer

Brussels

About us

Pesticide Action Network (PAN) is a network of over 600 non-governmental organisations worldwide working together to minimise the negative effects of harmful pesticides and replace them with ecologically sound alternatives. PAN Europe is the regional centre for Europe, founded in 1987, and brings together over 40 consumer, public health, and environmental organisations, trades unions, women's groups and farmer associations from all over Europe.

Our Brussels office is looking for a Campaigner/ Policy officer to be part of our small but dynamic team. PAN Europe offers the opportunity to work in a multicultural European environment, with highly motivated staff, passionate about the future of our health and that of the environment.

Job Purpose

As a campaigner/policy officer you will be working with our experienced team of chemical/ policy officers and campaigners to phase out toxic pesticides in the EU and contribute to a higher level of protection of citizens' health and the environment against pesticides.

You will be primarily responsible for:

- participating in EU advocacy (public consultation, working groups, individual meetings) around the approval/ re-approval of pesticide active substances
- analysing and evaluating risk assessment of pesticides: following the risk assessment process from the European Food Safety Authority
- searching for scientific information on specific pesticides (toxicology; ecotoxicology)
- supporting court and other legal cases (related to the implementation of the pesticide rules)

We need a great team player who is a motivated and dynamic colleague, able to contribute to the ongoing policy developments, while campaigning with our network of European members to improve the system.

Key Responsibilities

- Support PAN Europe campaigns on the topics of pesticide risk assessments, and set up strategies together with the PAN Europe network and civil society coalitions, with politically relevant objectives at EU and national level
- Organise and carry out all the relevant activities, based on a solid communication strategy
- Work together with civil society experts and scientists on scientific issues in relation to the assessment of pesticides in Europe, communicate with Members of the European Parliament, EU Commission and other policy makers to improve the current pesticide authorisation system and raise public awareness on complex issues
- Produce reports, policy letters, (media)briefings and position papers on political and scientific topics related to toxicity of pesticides, endocrine disruptors and risk assessment,

in collaboration with PAN Europe staff, NGO coalitions and expert networks, keeping PANE's visibility at a high level

- Organise meetings, webinars, workshops with experts and policy makers or/and civil society organisations, or any other necessary means such as to organise flash mobs or public manifesto's, to support environmental policies and raise public awareness on pesticide issues
- Collaborate with scientists, universities, research institutes in relation to pesticides
- Collaborate with PAN Europe staff for joint projects and activities.

Person Specification

Education and training

- University degree, ideally at Master's level or higher in toxicology, biology, chemistry, environmental science, political science, law or a relevant field

Experience and knowledge

- Have a genuine interest in understanding chemicals' toxicity
- Be familiar with the work of EU institutions, particularly the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Council and the European Food Safety Authority
- Experience in working with networks and coalitions
- Good social, advocacy and communication skills to translate a complicated technical message into an easy-to-understand concept using simple well-understood language and to strengthen PAN Europe's network and visibility
- Necessary experience with campaigning, communication and good use of social media.

Key competencies

- Fluent in English and preferably other European languages. An understanding of French and/or Dutch would be considered an asset
- Able to set priorities and work independently
- Able to work at the crossroads of policy and science
- Good organisational skills with an eye for detail, flexible and proactive
- Strong interpersonal skills to be able to carry a conversation with people from different backgrounds and levels of experience internal and external to PAN Europe
- Well organised with excellent verbal, written communication, and presentation skills
- Authentic motivation to work for the protection of human health and the environment from pesticides, a good fighting spirit
- Commitment to PAN Europe's vision, mission, values, and a working style which reflects these.

Location & Employment details

- **Location:** Brussels office but remote work would also be considered. Please note that regular travel to Brussels is required for the role.
- **Contract Type:** Fixed-term
- **Contract Duration:** Initially for 12 months
- **Hours:** Part-time, 80% preferred but would consider 50%
- **Salary:** The salary to be paid will be in line with the successful candidate's qualifications and experience and comparable to that offered by other Brussels-based NGOs
- **Closing Date:** 28 August 2022
- **First Interview Dates:** From 12 September 2022

How to apply

If you are interested in this role, please apply by sending us your **CV** and your **Motivation Letter** in English, explaining why you are interested in this role and how you meet the criteria to the attention of **Ms Katerina Iordanopoulou** (jobs@pan-europe.info) by **Sunday, 28th of August, 2022**. Due to limited admin capacity only successful candidates will be contacted.

PAN Europe values diversity and inclusion and the benefits this brings. We aim to appoint the most suitable candidate at all times and welcome applications from people from all different backgrounds.