

## **Job description**

### **Senior Policy Advisor on Corporate sourcing and Digitalisation**

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 200 members spanning 35 countries. We aim to produce thought-leading energy market analysis and support the business of our members through creative and successful advocacy campaigns.

We are seeking a highly motivated professional to join our Policy Unit. The Policy team develops thought-leading intelligence on policy, markets, industry trends and technologies with a view to successfully positioning solar-based energy solutions across Europe and advocating for solar with European policy-makers. It offers a dynamic working environment within a close-knit and multicultural team in Brussels. 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 and a proven track record of 3-5+ years of experience in European public affairs or the renewable industry
- You are fluent in English (native is a plus) and at least one other EU language

#### Profile

- You have a passion for the energy transition, 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 have a perfect understanding of EU decision-making processes and dynamics, and deep knowledge of the energy sector.
- 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 are a team player and can work under time pressure.

Our ideal candidate would have previous work experience in the digitalisation of energy and strong knowledge in renewable corporate sourcing and corporate Power Purchase Agreements. Previous work experience in sustainable finance is highly desirable.

### **Key responsibilities**

Our Senior Policy advisor will be directly responsible for SolarPower Europe's workstreams on **corporate sourcing and digitalisation**.

Reporting to the Policy Director, the position implies to:

- Be responsible for running one or more Task Force(s) of members to deliver business-relevant services to them, such as our Digitalisation & Solar Task Force
- Coordinate with other associations and stakeholders within the RE-Source Platform and its various Task Forces to drive forward its work to promote corporate sourcing and corporate Power Purchase Agreements in Europe
- Develop SolarPower Europe's policy positions and reports and publications in these area(s) in close consultation with our members and team and be the focal point for our members on this policy area(s)
- Prepare briefing notes, presentations and relevant materials in relation to these policy area(s) for members, the management team, external stakeholders and journalists
- Conduct research and produce evidence-based positions to support our positions
- 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 and organisation of events and workshops related to these policy areas
- Contribute to the content of SolarPower Europe's communication channels e.g. newsletter, social media and website
- Contribute to SolarPower Europe business development and member recruitment and retention by inter alia identifying key trends and business opportunities
- Lead on the implementation of EU-funded projects, if applicable
- Performing any other tasks or duties required of the role as appropriate.

Some international travel within Europe will be required.

### **Application**

Please email your application in English to Bilal Bahia at [b.bahia@solarpowereurope.org](mailto:b.bahia@solarpowereurope.org) by 29/03/19 quoting "Senior Policy Advisor March 2019" 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.