

Job description

Policy Advisor on Markets and Grids

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, business and policy analysis and support our members through creative and successful advocacy campaigns. We offer a dynamic working environment within a close-knit and multicultural team in Brussels.

We are seeking a highly motivated professional to join our Policy team, and scale-up our activities on markets and grids.

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
- You have a sound understanding of EU decision making processes, and a robust experience working on EU energy and climate policies
- You have strong technical and political expertise in renewable energies and solar is a definite plus.
- You are familiar with relevant energy & climate EU policy files related to the integration of more renewables into electricity distribution grids: the implementation of the Clean Energy Package (Electricity Market Design) namely with regards to network codes, flexibility, and storage.
- You want to promote the role that prosumers can play in the clean energy transition
- 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 and for renewable energy
- 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 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 have demonstrated your ability to coordinate multi-stakeholder projects, with senior representatives
- You are a team player and can work under time pressure.

Our ideal candidate would have previous work experience in the field of energy and climate policies.

Key responsibilities

Our Policy Advisor on Markets and Grids will be directly responsible for SolarPower Europe's work on prosumers, looking at three aspects in particular:

- Digitalisation of the energy sector creating new digital services and how "digitalised solar", in particular, can bring value to consumers and the whole energy system
- The uptake of electricity storage across all uses to support electrification and the further deployment of renewables
- The needs for modernization of EU electricity grids infrastructures to facilitate renewables' integration

Reporting to the Senior Policy Advisor, you will:

- Be responsible for running policy workstreams, working with members to develop market and policy intelligence which support prosumers in EU policy;
- 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 on the role of prosumers to enable further renewables-based electrification of our economy and the remaining bottlenecks to address
- 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 of SolarPower Europe's communication channels e.g. newsletter, social media and website;
- Performing any other tasks or duties required of the role as appropriate.

Some international travel within Europe will be required.

Our offer

SolarPower Europe offers a comprehensive compensation package commensurate with qualifications and experience for this full time, permanent position.

Application

Please email your application in English to SolarPower Recruitment (recruitment@solarpowereurope.org) before COB 22 November 2021 quoting "Policy Advisor Markets & Grids" 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.