

EU AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PERMANENT CONTRACT)
AFEP (French Association of Large Companies) BRUSSELS OFFICE
Brussels, Belgium

ABOUT AFEP:

Founded in 1982, [AFEP](#) brings together 118 of the largest French companies, which represent 15% of French GDP and 13% of the private sector workforce in France. AFEP member companies employ 8.5 million people and are key players in the French, European, and global economies across all sectors of activity. One third of Europe's 60 largest companies are AFEP members.

AFEP member companies are fully committed to the green and digital transition, innovation, and the pursuit of better governance.

AFEP's mission is to contribute to the creation of an environment conducive to the development of economic activity and to make the voice of large French companies heard by policymakers in Paris and Brussels. Based in Paris, AFEP has an office in Brussels since 1987.

AFEP works on cross-sectoral legislation, at French and European levels, in the following areas: economy, company law and corporate governance, corporate social responsibility, environment, climate and energy, corporate finance and financial markets, taxation, competition, digital, intellectual property and consumer affairs, labour law and social protection, and trade.

Our goals

- Contribute to the development of a competitive and sustainable French and European economy
- Propose pragmatic responses to promote a legislative and regulatory framework conducive to business and job development
- Ensure that companies develop their activities in a fair globalised market
- Provide support to companies committed to major environmental, social and societal issues.

Our actions in Brussels

- Engage constant dialogue with the European institutions with regard to cross-sectoral legislation
- Monitoring and analysing the EU initiatives
- Developing positions and concrete proposals in consultation with member companies
- Managing the network with member companies in Brussels
- Connecting them with business leaders and EU decision-makers
- Organising a biannual mission to the capital of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

JOB DESCRIPTION:

AFEP is looking for an experienced Deputy Director in European affairs to join its Brussels team. As a Deputy Director, you will be employed with a permanent contract on a full-time basis and will report directly to the European Affairs Director and Head of our Brussels office. You will work in close coordination with the Brussels team and our policy experts based in Paris.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

In support to the European Affairs Director, you will:

- Contribute to the European affairs strategy, including within our European Association
- Contribute to lead, support and develop the Brussels team
- Create and nurture a network of stakeholders

- Draft briefing papers on specific topics for circulation within the AFEP team and with company members, including at the highest level

You will also:

- Monitor and analyse EU policy and report to the AFEP team and company members
- In collaboration with colleagues, prepare and attend internal working groups with members to set up the positions of the Association, revise advocacy tools
- In collaboration with colleagues, propose advocacy campaigns, prepare, attend and represent the Association in meetings with EU policy-makers (Commission, Parliament, Council) and various forums
- In collaboration with colleagues, participate to the meetings of our European association and coordinate actions
- Attend events and report back to the team

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Postgraduate degree in EU affairs, political science, law or economics
- 5-10-year experience in European affairs in an EU institution, a company, a consultancy or a business association

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES:

- A thorough understanding of EU policy-making
- A real interest in lobbying and an ability to propose and execute advocacy strategies
- The ability to understand and deal with various issues, with a high level of technicity
- Strong communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills, ability to synthesise and concisely explain complex topics, capacity to build networks
- Fluent in French and English
- Reliable, well-organised, proactive, transparent, team player with a positive can-do attitude
- Show initiative and result-oriented
- Research skills

CONTRACT: Permanent contract on a full-time basis, based in Brussels, starting as soon as possible, with a competitive salary package

APPLICATIONS:

Please send your curriculum and cover letter **in French if you are not a French native speaker, in English if you are a French native speaker** to: europa@afep.com. We look forward to receiving your application by **29 November 2024**.