

EU AFFAIRS POLICY OFFICER (TEMPORARY POSITION – "VIE") AFEP (French Association of Large Companies) BRUSSELS OFFICE

Brussels, Belgium

ABOUT AFEP:

Founded in 1982, <u>AFEP</u> 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 EU Affairs policy officer to support its Brussels team. She/he will be employed for one year (extendable for one year) on a full-time basis. She/he will report to the Head of our Brussels office and work in close coordination with the Brussels team and colleagues (policy experts) based in Paris.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Monitor and analyse EU policy and the work of relevant stakeholders
- Draft briefing papers on specific topics
- In collaboration with colleagues, prepare and attend internal working groups with members to set up the positions of the Association
- In collaboration with colleagues, prepare meetings with EU policy-makers



In collaboration with the Brussels team, organise events with policy-makers open to members

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Postgraduate degree in EU affairs, political science, law or economics
- First experience in European affairs, preferably in an EU institution, a large company, a consultancy or a business association
- Desirable: prior experience in working on one or several of the subjects referred to in the "ABOUT AFEP" section, particularly on energy, environment and climate policy and CSR.

SKILLS & COMPETENCES:

- A good understanding of EU policy-making
- A real interest in lobbying and an ability to build and execute lobbying strategies
- Fluent in French and English
- Reliable, well-organised, proactive, transparent, team player with a positive can-do attitude
- Self-starter and result-oriented
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Research skills

CONTRACT: French "VIE contract" (conditions: ≤ 28-year-old EU citizens, not yet administratively registered in Belgium)

APPLICATIONS:

Please send your curriculum and cover letter in <u>French</u> if you are not a French native speaker, or in <u>English</u> if you are a French native speaker, <u>before 7 July 2025</u> to: <u>europe@afep.com</u>.