



for a living planet®

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title: Energy Policy Officer
Reports to: Head EU Climate and Energy Policy
Supervises: N/A
Grade: C
Date: July 2018

I. Mission of the Department: The climate change and energy unit at EPO leads the WWF network in matters of relevant EU policy and legislation. The unit also provides coordination on issues and activities of a pan-European nature among the network of European national and programme offices, in coordination with the international network.

II. Major Functions: This position will develop policy, advocacy, network and collation building approaches to contribute to the reduction of CO₂ emissions from the power sector, primarily by promoting EU instruments to limit coal power and shift to renewable energy sources. It will also liaise with our relevant national office efforts on coal, contribute to the coal phase-out efforts of the WWF Climate and Energy Practice and act as WWF focal point for the Europe Beyond Coal Campaign.

III. Major Duties and Responsibilities:

The following are the main areas of responsibility with indicative actions, which will be prioritised, scheduled and adapted in consultation with the head of unit. The position will also work flexibly within a team structure, seeking synergies with other priorities.

1. Policy development: Ensure that the EC policy processes accelerate EU coal phase-out

The development, implementation and enforcement of EU policies play a significant role in accelerating the closure of coal power plants and mines. WWF EPO aims to ensure that the 'clean coal' narrative is removed from the EU policy discourse, mining subsidies are not extended beyond the existing deadline and that support from the MMF is conditional on conformity with EC policies.

Key Activities:

- Development of advocacy and research products (e.g. briefings, letters, presentations) debunking 'clean coal technologies' with a focus on EC Coal Regions in Transition Platform, MFF, subsidies.
- Mobilise EC policymakers, MEPs, relevant EC services and other EU country governments as well as other actors to prevent an extension of ban on hard coal mining subsidies.
- Identify a group of supportive stakeholders at the EU level (MEPs, progressive MS) to advocate for the 'conditionality argument' under MFF.

2. Policy advocacy: lead WWF EPO and WWF EU NOs coal phase-out effort – support network Just Transition process in the framework of relevant EU policies.

WWF EPO coal phase-out efforts target EU decision-makers, unions, industry and media on the European Union (EU), national and international levels also in support of other campaigns to help driving Europe beyond coal. The WWF EPO facilitates network efforts to jointly advocate policies and solutions in order to for the EU to fulfill its Paris commitment. WWF EPO promote awareness of the environmental and social problems caused by coal mining and power via our European and global network and by active engagement of WWF NOs and EPO communication team.

Key Activities:

- Engage at the EU level and provide regular policy updates to WWF NOs related to key policy files and processes identified as priorities for the EU 2018 / 2019 such as: coal mining subsidies, Coal Regions in Transition, MFF - Just Transition Fund, emission's standards under the LCP BREF / IED, state aid, finance / utilities work, Powering Past Coal Alliance and EPS providing policy opportunities.
- WWF EPO ensures timely coordination of the network activities as well as integrated policy and strategic input and engagement of WWF NOs in the EBC, further aligning the common approach and working to create synergies within our own network.
- Streamline WWF NOs endorsement of the Campaign effort by supporting network activities, policy advocacy and campaigns on the national level as well as support EU policy.
- Support the development of advocacy materials, and participate in relevant meetings.
- Support relevant activities of WWF NOs and facilitate their efforts on the EU level e.g. lobby meetings, briefings, letters, actions.

3. Coalition building: support European Beyond Coal campaign 'Just Transition' and 'Brussels Impact' work streams efforts.

WWF EPO leads on the Just Transition process within the EBC by: acting as a EU level reference point, ensuring contacts and engagement of EU level actors: ETUC, ITUC, supportive MEPs, EU policymakers, regional representations, international actors (ILO), dissemination of advocacy materials and supporting EU level advocacy processes for the work stream. As part of the EBC, WWF EPO plays active role in the 'Brussels Impact' group as well as supporting efforts of coalition partners on the EU level.

Key Activities:

- Co-convey the Just Transition Work Stream of EBC - Implement and update joint strategy for the JT work stream, initiate position papers on JT endorsed by all NGO partners, drive mainstreaming of JT narrative within the EBC work streams and in the EU policy. Organise strategy meetings for the JT work stream and regular updates on the EC Coal Platform process.
- Lead on the EC Coal Platform initiative – Monitor, engage and influence the Platform process in order to ensure climate policy mainstreaming, NGO participation both at the EU and national level. Hold regular updates for the EBC, facilitate ENC input to the Platform process, ensure mainstreaming of the process with other EBC work streams.
- Contribute to the 'Brussels Impact' effort of the EBC on relevant policy files and facilitate WWF NOs input and support to relevant EU policy action processes.
- Attend meetings of the international and EBC.
- Participation in the advocacy activities of the EBC, e.g. lobby meetings, briefings, letters, actions.

IV. Required Qualifications:

- Degree or advanced technical qualifications relevant to the field of climate and energy.
- At least 5 years of relevant professional experience in policy, project and /or campaign management, preferably with the NGO sector.
- Ability to interact with high level EU and national policymakers and industry professionals.
- Knowledge of European institutions, lobby and advocacy experience.

V. Required Skills and Competencies

- Ability to interpret and analyse scientific and technical documents and data and apply it in the context of WWF's work.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English, and an ability to communicate complicated messages authoritatively and clearly to different audiences including through written materials, one-to-one meetings and presentations. Other languages would be an advantage.
- Strong networking and team building skills appropriate for a multicultural and multidisciplinary environment.
- Proven ability to act as organisational spokesperson and interact effectively with government representatives; experience interacting with energy and renewables industry, and media.
- Experience of working on, and understanding the complexities of EU legislation.
- Adheres to WWF's values, which are: "Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging".

VI. Working Relationships:

Internal – *reports to the head of unit, working in the Climate and energy team of EPO. The position and project will entail close coordination with the other teams inside the EPO (e.g. finance, and natural resources) as well as with national offices and the Global Climate and Energy Practice.*

External – *with NGO partners and efforts such as Europe Beyond Coal Campaign*

This job description covers the main tasks and conveys the spirit of the sort of tasks that are anticipated proactively from staff. Other tasks may be assigned as necessary according to organizational needs.