

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title: Europe Beyond Coal Finance and Utility Coordinator – Hosted by WWF European Policy Office (EPO, Brussels) on behalf of the Europe Beyond Coal Campaign
Reports to: EPO Economist
Grade: C
Date: September 2018

I. Mission of the unit:

The WWF European Policy Plan 2014-2018 includes a 'Finance policies and resource accounting' strategy. A key part of this strategy is to contribute to shift EU public and private financial flows from the brown to the green economy, to support the needed transition and help reduce the EU footprint.

II. Major Functions:

This position is hosted on behalf of the Europe Beyond Coal Campaign (EBC). This campaign pools resources from civil society organisations across 28 countries to realise a coal phase out in Europe; one EBC work stream is focused on coal finance and utilities.

The EBC Finance and Utility Coordinator will support the coal finance and utility work stream of the EBC campaign, to develop a shared strategy, coordinate between groups that work on utilities and finance, increase and leverage expertise on the issues at hand, and spread the lessons learned beyond Europe to ensure higher and quicker impact.

III. Major Duties and Responsibilities:

The EBC Finance and Utility Coordinator will be part of a Utilities Strategy Team, of which the second person (0,5 FTE) is hosted by Greenpeace Central and Eastern Europe (GP CEE). The work of the Utilities Strategy Team will be overseen by a Steering Group composed of few active NGOs on coal finance and coal utilities.

The Utilities Strategy Team is jointly responsible for:

- Leading the formulation of a European utility and finance strategy;
- Convening and coordinating activities;
- Facilitating strategic analyses to support the EBC campaign;
- Facilitating the production of externally used outputs.

Duties include:

- Drafting a European utility and finance strategy for the EBC campaign and ensuring its delivery. Ensure that the strategy includes approaches and activities to increase the direct impact of finance campaigning on targeted utilities' coal decision making – and serve as contact point for organisations that work on financial institutions (commercial banks, investors and insurance companies), notably through umbrella groups like Banktrack/Sunrise Project/etc.
- Coordinating coal finance and utility activities within the EBC campaign. Organise/facilitate monthly calls, prepare a biannual overview of work for the larger EBC campaign, ensure overall smooth working relationships with the EBC secretariat/the Utilities Strategy Team Steering Group/broader EBC campaign partners, and be the main point of contact for relevant expert organisations on utilities and finance related issues (e.g. IEEFA, Sandbag, Carbon Tracker Initiative, 2° Investing Initiative).

- Facilitating strategic analysis and external output production for targeted Western European utilities, and assist in bridging capacity gaps – including monitoring utility transactions/implementation of utility policies, analysing quarterly utilities' financial results/preparedness for coal closures, assessing implementation of regulations/cost of compliance with EU air pollution standards, the development of external outputs, etc.
- Supporting the 0.5 FTE employed by GP CEE in developing approaches for creating the conditions and frameworks that make the closing of coal plants, as opposed to selling them, the rational decision for the targeted utilities. The 0.5 FTE employed by GP CEE will focus more on facilitating strategic analysis and external output production for targeted Eastern European utilities.

IV. Working Relationships:

Internal: Interacts constantly with team leader (EPO economist), several European Policy Office staff, national WWF offices on issues related to coal finance and utility work, and all other staff as required in fulfilment of duties.

External: Interacts constantly with the second member of the Utilities Strategy Team hosted by GP CEE, partner organisations in the coal finance and utility work stream of the EBC campaign, members of the Utilities Strategy Team Steering Group, relevant expert organisations on utilities and finance, with financial institutions and electric power utilities as relevant, and with any other relevant external stakeholder as required in fulfilment of duties..

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.

V. Required Qualifications

- Advanced degree/equivalent work experience in finance, electric power utilities and preferably on climate and energy issues.

VI. Required Skills and Competencies:

- Three years of experience on financial issues and/or electric power utilities work and/or on energy/climate issues
- A strong track record in stakeholder coordination
- Familiar with non-governmental organisation styles of work and procedures
- Strong strategic and analytical skills
- Capacity to take initiative
- Excellent word processing skills in MS-Word, MS-Excel MS-PowerPoint
- A positive manner with team-building skills and the ability to work as part of a team
- Networking experience
- Strong oral and written communication skills in English, with other languages (notably German) an advantage
- Adheres to WWF's values: Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging.

Approved by Director: _____ Date: _____

Accepted by staff member: _____ Date: _____