

# Climate Action Network Europe is looking for a Buildings Policy and Campaign Assistant (m/f/x) (Paid internship, 6 months, Brussels)

Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe is Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change. We are a unique network, in which environmental and development organisations work together to issue joint lobby campaigns and maximise their impact. With over **200 member organisations** active in **40 European countries**, representing **over 1,700 NGOs** and **more than 40 million citizens**, CAN Europe promotes sustainable climate, energy and development policies throughout Europe.

We're currently seeking a dynamic individual with a demonstrated interest in the decarbonisation of buildings to work on various issues with us, including the implementation process of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and our Build Better Lives campaign. The individual will gain professional experience in our energy team as a Buildings Policy & Campaign Assistant. The position is full time and based in Belgium (in our Brussels-based secretariat or working from home).

#### Required skills and experiences:

- Recent graduate or advanced degree in a relevant policy field such as economics, politics or communications;
- Good knowledge of EU climate, energy policies (interest in energy efficiency, renewable heating topics is a plus);
- Excellent level of written and spoken English (any other language is a plus);
- Excellent communication, organizational and networking skills;
- High level of motivation and the ability to learn and execute project work while meeting deadlines
- Team spirit, creativity and proactivity
- Experience in using Google Workspace (Doc, Excel, Powerpoint etc.)

### The ideal candidate will preferably have some of the following attributes:

- Demonstrated interest in the mission and values of CAN Europe and ideally first experience in an NGO or social movement environment;
- Experience in energy policies and/or campaigns especially around either energy efficiency, renewable energy and heating, and sustainable construction materials applied to the built environment or alternatively experience in housing-related topics
- Analytical skills and quick learner;
- Experience in large team working in a hybrid setting;
- Familiarity with EU institutions, particularly the functioning of the European Parliament and the Council
- Experience in using any creative content programme (Canva or Adobe Suite etc. is a plus)

## **Internship contents:**

 The intern's role will focus on supporting the work around the implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive along with the CAN Europe Building Policy Coordinator. You will have the opportunity to contribute to the Build Better Lives Campaign and closely work with our Renewable Heating Campaign Coordinator and related activities (i.e., supporting mobilization,



communications actions, planning activities and coordination of joint actions), thereby acquiring relevant knowledge, skills and experiences for future employment;

- The intern will gain insights into the operation of an international NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change and a chance to engage with a number of other NGOs, decision makers and climate activists;
- Tasks will include support in managing contacts with Members of our network, support in advocacy and strategic planning activities/network mobilization as part of our work towards the EPBD implementation (especially organizing workshops and webinars), coordination and organization of calls, support in writing talking points and compelling advocacy documents (blogs, briefings etc.)
- Tasks around the Build Better Lives Campaign will include support in producing and updating
  website content, support and engagement in mobilization actions with youth movements and
  grass-roots initiatives in key countries, support in the identification of amplifiers on social media of
  campaign key messages in key countries, assistance in broad project managing tasks.

## With this opportunity, we offer:

- A six-month paid internship contract under Belgian law (CIP) with a gross compensation of 1.435,36 €/month plus additional benefits;
- An exciting and highly motivating working environment;
- An opportunity to contribute to climate action and development;
- Valuable professional experience;
- An introduction to one of the largest networks of European NGOs.

#### More about us:

We are an open and inclusive, multicultural, multilingual team and explicitly encourage applications from all applicants, independent of their age, ancestry, colour, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

#### How to apply

Please send an email with your CV and a Motivation letter explaining how you fit the job profile for this specific position, both written in English, to: <a href="mailto:internships@caneurope.org">internships@caneurope.org</a>. Important: Subject line must be "Application: Buildings Policy and Campaign Assistant".

Interviews will be conducted in English.

Closing date for applications: 29/01

The expected start date is flexible but should be as soon as possible.

This internship position was first advertised on 15th of January and as long as it is advertised online, it has not been filled yet.

# **Contact**

For any questions in relation to this position, please contact Eva Brardinelli, Buildings Policy Coordinator, eva.brardinelli@caneurope.org