The EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU
a federation of 140 environmental citizens’ organisations, based in Brussels,
has a vacancy for a FULL-TIME POLICY OFFICER
on Water

The policy officer will be based in the EEB office in Brussels and report to the EU Policy Director. He/she will lead EEB’s work on the Water Framework Directive and related legislative proposals. In addition to that, he/she will follow soil related policy developments.

The successful candidate will:
- Maintain up to date knowledge of the relevant topics and carry out specific in-depth research where required;
- Lead the formulation of EEB policy and strategy and draft EEB positions with respect to the relevant topics;
- Network with EEB members to promote activities to influence EU decision-making in the relevant fields, in particular coordinating the relevant EEB Working Groups.
- Liaise with key players from the EU institutions and other stakeholders to gather information and influence positions;
- Collaborate, coordinate and exchange information with current and potential partners;
- Publicly present and defend the EEB’s positions, including in the media, in collaboration with the Policy Director and the Communications unit.

Qualities and Experiences sought:
- Have a relevant academic degree (additional work experience may be accepted in lieu of this);
- Have at least two years of work experience with EU environmental policy, preferably but not necessarily with NGOs, including analysis and formulation of policy;
- Have in-depth familiarity with aquatic ecosystems and, in particular, the EU policies required to safeguard these;
- Be capable of understanding and presenting, in written and oral form, the key scientific, economic and legal dimensions of the relevant topics;
- Have a sound grasp of the operation of EU institutions and EU environmental law;
- Have excellent communications and networking skills;
- Speak and write English fluently, with fluency in other EU languages being considered an asset;
- Be well organized and able to work independently as well as part of a team;
- Be prepared to work outside normal office hours if necessary and to travel at short notice.
EEB offers:

- a gross monthly salary of 3,318 EUR plus benefits [holiday bonus, 13th month, pension scheme, luncheon vouchers], and
- a dynamic working environment.

Place: Brussels – Starting Date: 1 April 2015

**Application Procedure:**

Please send in your application together with your CV for the attention of Isabel de Jesus, EEB Finance and Personnel Manager, by 16 March 2015

e-mail: personnel@eeb.org

Interviews will be held in week of March 27 or soon after

**Due to limited staff resources and numbers of CVs received,**

**ONLY CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR INTERVIEW WILL RECEIVE A REPLY**

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**Application form questions**

In your own words, please provide brief responses to the following two questions. **You should not exceed 2 sides of A4 in responding to all the questions.**

The purpose of these questions is to help gauge the candidates’ knowledge of the policy issues and to get a sense of a candidates written communications skills

1. What are the major pressures on European freshwaters and what are the main policies in place to address these at EU level?

2. What were the main shortcomings of the first generation of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and what measures should EEB be pushing for as of priority in the 2nd generation of RBMPs for these to deliver significant improvements in water quality across Europe over the next few years?