

Policy Manager

80-100% contract
Start date: 1st May 2025
Workplace: Belgium (Brussels)

Agroecology Europe (AEEU) is looking for a motivated, committed and experienced Policy Manager to join its Brussels office.

Agroecology Europe is an international non-profit organisation established in Belgium in 2016. The Association counts today more than 200 organisational and individual members. The organisation aims to design, develop, and promote the transition towards agroecology-based farming and food systems in Europe and beyond. AEEU intends to place agroecology high on the European agenda for sustainable development, agriculture and food systems. Its goal is to foster interactions between key actors in science, practice and social movements, by facilitating knowledge sharing and action. AEEU also aims at the creation of an inclusive European community of professionals, practitioners, and citizens engaged in agroecology.

The Policy Manager will mainly work on EU policy developments carrying out policy analysis and awareness raising towards the EU institutions on the themes that Agroecology Europe focuses on, such as agriculture, nature restoration, soil pollution and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

ROLE

We expect the candidate to work on the following tasks:

- Development and transposition/implementation of the following EU policies: Nature Restauration Law, Soil Monitoring Law, Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive and the Common Agricultural Policy.
- Development of policy and awareness raising material geared at EU and national stakeholders ensuring their continuous dissemination, including drafting of reports foreseen in the AEEU work programme.
- Establishing, maintaining and managing contacts with relevant stakeholders, including other NGOs, EU and national policymakers, farmers' associations etc., and taking part in various expert meetings.
- Contributing to the development of a policy strategy together with the Executive Director.

- Facilitating stakeholder meetings and contributing to the organisation of workshops and events.
- Contributing to the organisation of the 2025 AEEU Forum and similar conferences
- Liaising and working with AEEU members and its policy related working groups as well as its youth network especially of matters on generational renewal and access to land
- Engaging with project partners projects in which AEEU is participating, in relation to policy tasks;
- Contributing to drafting funding proposals and reporting to funders.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential

- Bachelor or Master's (preferred) degree in European studies, political science, environmental science, agronomy, agricultural economics.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in EU public affairs, EU policy formulation and implementation, EU funded projects.
- Strong interest in and knowledge of agroecology and sustainable food systems.
- Experience in networking and stakeholder interaction and management.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills in English.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team.
- High computer literacy.
- Authorised to work in Belgium.

- Optional

- Strategic, open minded and creative mindset.
- Project management skills.
- French language proficiency.
- Other EU languages.

Contract information:

2 years with the first contract covering 6 months.

80% or 100% contract.

Preferred start date: May 2025

Salary based on candidate's qualifications and experience.

Location: Brussels

Please send your application (CV and motivation letter, listing any relevant achievements) by 30th March to: secretariat@agroecology-europe.org

Agroecology Europe is dedicated to achieving workplace diversity in terms of gender, race, sexual orientation, class, age, physical ability, culture and ethno-religious affiliation. We encourage female and non-binary applicants, as well as members of underrepresented groups to become part of our team.