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ENERGY POVERTY POLICY ASSISTANT

Start date: 16th of September 2024

Location: Brussels

Type of contract: full-time (38 hours) compensated internship under Belgian law

Duration of contract: 3,5 months

Deadline for applications: 04.08.2024, 23:59 Brussels time

FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless, is recruiting a full-time Energy poverty Policy Assistant to support the area of energy poverty in FEANTSA. The internship is expected to start in mid-September 2024 and will last until the end of December 2024, with the potential for promotion to Junior Policy Officer, subject to further confirmation. Interviews will take place in mid-August.

The selected candidate will be offered a CIP contract (“convention d’immersion professionnelle”) and is expected to be based in Brussels. The Energy Poverty Policy Assistant will support the work of FEANTSA’s Energy Poverty Policy Officer, focusing on the socially fair implementation of EU energy transition policies. This work includes EU-level advocacy and cooperation with national-level social services providers on implementing policies. Some examples of relevant policy areas are the Social Climate Fund/ETS, funding of renovation of the worst-performing stock and the buildings of homeless services providers, heat transition of vulnerable groups, such as low-income households living in unfit housing stock, and heating with solid fuels.

Tasks

The following list should be used as a reference. In no way will the intern be asked to fulfil all the tasks below simultaneously. There will also be a certain flexibility according to the interests and learning objectives of the successful candidate.

In cooperation with the Policy Officer, the assistant will:

- Do research, and draft relevant content for social media, reports, and press content.
- Work on the topics of socially fair energy transition, energy poverty alleviation, and support lobby work.
- Support the Policy Officer for event organizations and project development.
- Make relevant information available (through the website and other communication tools).
- Liaise with relevant stakeholders and attend meetings and events when appropriate.

The candidate should have the following skills and qualifications:

- Relevant university education (educational background in social sciences, energy policy, housing/urban development, building/mechanical engineering is a plus)

- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English; other languages are an asset, especially languages of Central-Eastern and Southern European EU member states
- Sympathy for housing vulnerabilities, energy poverty, and the homelessness cause
- Good understanding of EU (European Union) energy and social affairs
- Good research and analytical skills
- Excellent communication skills and ability to share information accurately
- Good interpersonal skills and a positive ‘can do’ attitude
- Technical or economic knowledge of heat transition financing is a plus
- A social justice perspective is essential.

To apply

Please send your CV and a short motivation letter to: anna.bajomi@feantsa.org with the reference in the subject line: Energy Poverty Policy Assistant. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Deadline: 4th of August 2024 (end of the day).