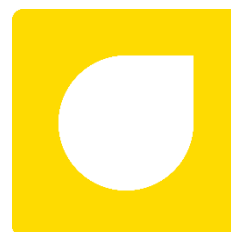


EU Advocacy Officer

Job description



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WaterAid

We are WaterAid



Our vision is a world where everyone everywhere has access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Our mission

Transform lives through sustainable and safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Our values define our culture and unite us across the many countries in which we work. They are at the very heart of WaterAid - who we are, what we do and how we do it.

Respect. We treat everyone with dignity and respect and champion the rights and contribution of all to achieve a fairer world.

Accountability. We are accountable to those whose lives we hope to see transformed, to those we work with and to those who support us.

Courage. We are bold and inspiring in our actions and words, and uncompromising in our determination to pursue our mission.

Collaboration. We work with others to maximise our impact, respecting diversity and difference in the pursuit of common goals.

Innovation. We are creative and agile, always learning, and prepared to take risks to accelerate change.

Integrity. We act with honesty and conviction and our actions are consistent with openness, equality and human rights.



About the role



Job purpose

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Team description

The WaterAid International Affairs team plays a leadership role across the WaterAid Federation to drive the design and delivery of WaterAid's major influencing with key donors, international and multilateral institutions to achieve SDG 6. The team's purpose is to convince influential political decisionmakers to prioritise water, sanitation and hygiene in their policy and funding agendas, and to create the conditions that enable everyone, everywhere to access WASH by 2030.

Terms of appointment



Place of work:	Brussels, Belgium
Pay band:	UK Grade 5
Salary:	€43,000 - €46,000 gross annually, depending on experience
Contract type:	Permanent
Reports to:	EU Representative
Travel:	There may be some limited travel to WaterAid's office in London.

Accountabilities



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You'll also:

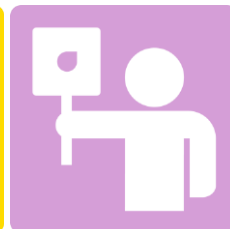
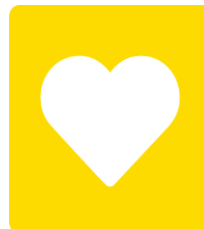
- Build and maintain relationships with European Parliamentarians and staff, and keep contact records to ensure strong impact monitoring and evaluation.
- Identify opportunities to engage parliamentarians and develop new WASH parliamentary champions.
- Lead engagement on behalf of WaterAid in a range of networks and coalitions, in particular in the area of health, gender and climate
- Support the delivery of high-quality events for policy and political audiences
- Lead daily monitoring of relevant EU political and development sector wide activities and keeping the team informed of relevant developments and engagement opportunities.
- Support the drafting of political briefings on key policy areas on WASH, women's health and climate change.

Person specification



- Bachelor's degree in European affairs, development, economics, international relations or a related field, or relevant work experience.
- At least 1-2 years working in the EU advocacy and policy space, ideally in a non-profit and/or in EU institutions. Experience working at the European Parliament particularly desirable.
- Excellent research, writing, and analytical skills with the ability to synthesise complex policy documents and translate these for a wider audience.
- Experience of managing events desirable.
- Excellent organisational skills and the ability to multitask, manage workload independently and work to sometimes changing deadlines.
- Fluency in English; other European languages desirable.

Our commitments



Our People Promise

We will work with passion and focus to ensure safe and sustainable water, toilets and hygiene are available to everyone, everywhere. WaterAid is a place of purpose – where people have a real commitment and shared responsibility for the impact we have. We are a global community with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, motivated by inspiring, stimulating work. We are determined to put the wellbeing of our people first, to be a place where people feel safe and able to contribute their voice and truly live our values.

Equal opportunities

We are an equal opportunity, disability-confident employer and are dedicated to achieving the highest standards of diversity, equity and inclusion. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, beliefs, customs, traditions and ways of life. This includes, but is not limited to, race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion, national or social origin, health status, and economic or social situation.

Safeguarding

We are also committed to protecting everyone we come into contact with. We have a zero tolerance approach to abuse of power, privilege or trust across our global work, and any form of inappropriate behaviour, discrimination, abuse, bullying, harassment, or exploitation. Safeguarding the people and communities we work with, our staff, volunteers and anyone working on our behalf is our top priority, and we take our responsibilities extremely seriously. All offers of employment are subject to satisfactory references and appropriate screening checks (which can include counterterrorism, safeguarding and criminal records checks).

Wherever you work in WaterAid and whatever job you do, you'll be joining a global network helping people change their own lives with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.



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