

EURATEX - the European Apparel and Textile Confederation - works to achieve a favourable environment within the European Union for design, development, manufacture and marketing of textile and clothing products. Through its membership, it represents 197.000 European companies with a combined turnover of €170 bln. Working together with EU institutions and other European and international stakeholders, EURATEX focuses on clear priorities: an ambitious industrial policy, effective research, innovation and skills development, free and fair trade, and sustainable supply chains (www.euratex.eu).

To strengthen its capacity in chemical policy, EURATEX looks for an experienced, ambitious and motivated candidate for the position of SENIOR POLICY OFFICER FOR CHEMICAL POLICY in Brussels.

Reporting to the Director of Sustainable Business, she/he will be responsible for:

Duties

- Managing regulatory and technical tasks in chemicals policy (REACH, POP, others);
- Developing and managing the advocacy strategy for different chemical restrictions; managing working group/s composed by member associations and other experts;
- Monitoring, analysing and conveying complex technical messages into “layman” terms for different audiences;
- Leading sector position papers, coordinating with other industries on joint statements, delivering public presentations;
- Representing EURATEX in different fora, from technical to broader policy (ECHA RAC, SEAC, Enforcement Forum, CARACAL, OECD, UN) to Textile-related industry fairs;
- Liaising with other downstream and upstream industry associations, NGOs, institutions both EU and global;
- Supporting the EURATEX Sustainable Businesses work in areas as: circular economy, chemical recycling, IED and other tasks as required.

Education and experience

- Different profiles are considered, including: technical/scientific education and other education backgrounds which must be complemented by proven successful work experience in the chemical policy area.

Requirements

- Over 10 years of proven and relevant working experience within EU regulatory affairs and use of chemicals in textile manufacturing. Ideally, working experience both in companies and in an international industry association;
- Success record in previous professional experiences, goals achieved and overcome challenges;
- Excellent command of written and spoken English;
- Work experience in international business environment (including EU institutions) is an asset.

Skills

- Team player, ability to work independently and smoothly coordinating with colleagues, members and supervisor;
- Ability to assess EU policies and the impact on the textile value chain, manage complex and technical issues and convey in simple language;

- Ability to manage different and occasionally opposing Members' positions and summarise their implications;
- Embraces both leadership and supportive skills when needed; generates curiosity and willingness to learn;
- Takes responsibility and accountability for his/her actions;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, particular emphasis on cross-cultural sensitivity;
- Ability to prioritise workload, be proactive and problem-solving.

The Senior Policy Officer position is full-time starting as of May 2023, located in Brussels and includes travel opportunities.

Applications with CV and a brief letter of motivation should be addressed to the office manager Julie.Cammaerts@euratex.eu . Interviews with the pre-selected candidates will be starting in end of March/beginning of April.