

Valia

Position: EU Public Affairs Consultant

Location: Remote, but based in Brussels

Contract: Full time 1 year, with the possibility of renewal

Start date: September 2024

Deadline to apply: 19 August 2024

How to apply: Please follow instructions [here](#)

About us

Valia is a Brussels-based boutique agency providing public affairs services to organisations championing progressive policies and striving for social change. We help clients navigate the Brussels bubble and provide tailor-made, impactful advocacy strategies, policy and regulatory analysis, and stakeholder engagement support. We support work across a wide range of issues, including international development and finance (particularly the EU budget and external financial instruments), climate change, global health, education and digital rights.

Our achievements include securing ambitious commitments from world leaders to fight poverty and climate change, raising billions from the EU in health and education funding, and influencing groundbreaking legislation on financial transparency and digital issues.

Our clients include leading global actors such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; Global Citizen; Global Partnership for Education; Pandemic Action Network, and more.

For more information, visit <https://valia.be>

Role

This is an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic small team and contribute to driving social change. The role offers truly unique exposure to a wide range of issues and sectors including civil society, philanthropy and international organisations. This role will play a critical part in advancing a new project focused on mobilizing high-level voices in support of EU development aid. The ideal candidate is a policy wonk, advocacy expert, passionate about EU politics and with entrepreneurial personality and a hands-on, can-do attitude.

Responsibilities

- Carry out policy analysis and research on EU current affairs and developments in sectors of interest for the consultancy (particularly EU budget, global health, education, climate change)
- Develop briefings, notes, presentations and other communication material to support advocacy efforts and project objectives
- Provide project management support to identify and engage high-profile individuals across sectors to champion EU development aid
- Support the development of advocacy strategies and their implementation, including but not limited to the engagement of high-profile individuals
- Support organization and engagement of a coalition of groups working on the external dimension of the Multiannual Financial Framework
- Conduct stakeholders' mapping
- Monitor parliamentary processes, hearings and relevant EU institutional and political developments
- Attend and report on relevant external events and conferences
- Support in the organization of client events

Skills and Experience

- Degree in EU studies, International Development, Politics, Social Science, or equivalent
- 5-8 years of experience in EU advocacy, international development, or a related field
- A strong understanding of EU policy processes, particularly relevant to development and ideally EU budget, global health, education and/or climate
- Proven track record of successful advocacy campaigns and stakeholder engagement
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage and influence high-level stakeholders
- Strategic thinker with strong analytical skills and the ability to adapt to changing political contexts
- Excellent English writing and oral skills, additional languages are an asset
- Committed to impact with outstanding attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to multi-task, carry out several assignments in parallel under short deadlines
- Proactive and strong problem-solving skills, can-do attitude
- Independent and extremely well-organised