



Forest and climate campaigner 1 year fixed position

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Fern is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) created in 1995. Our mission is to achieve greater environmental and social justice, focusing on forests and forest peoples' rights in the policies and practices of the European Union. We do this by co-ordinating NGO networks and by working with partners to achieve change.

We believe that to be effective it is essential to understand and address the social dimension of environmental conflicts; that strong coalitions are more likely to achieve lasting change; and that presenting ways forward is more effective than highlighting problems.

We have no director and make decisions by consensus.

We currently have 18 staff working from two offices, in Brussels (Belgium) and Moreton in Marsh (UK). Details of our campaigns can be found at www.fern.org/campaignareas.html

About the position

Forest and climate is one of Fern's most important campaign areas in 2017-2018 as the EU will be finalising significant related legislation. Of particular importance is the 2030 EU climate & energy framework which includes a regulation on land use land use change and forestry (see www.fern.org/lulucf) and a Renewable Energy Directive (see <http://www.fern.org/RED>). Fern is also involved in policy debates about the role of land and forests for negative emissions (see <http://www.fern.org/goingnegative>) and a wider 'bioeconomy'.

2017 is a make-or-break year for bioenergy. Controversial bioenergy sustainability policies will be discussed in the European Parliament and the Council of the EU. The forest and climate campaigner will focus on Fern's bioenergy campaign and support the wider aims of Fern's forest and climate work.

The position will be based in Brussels, and the ideal candidate will be able to start by the 6 March. The position will run until end of February 2018, but might be extended.

A. Key areas of responsibility:

1. Campaign tasks:

- Facilitating and/or participating in Brussels, European and international NGO networks active on bio-energy and climate issues and their relation to forests
- Building relationships between national and Brussels based NGOs working on bioenergy; this may involve the organisation of events or NGO visits to Brussels

- Researching important players in the European Parliament and Council who could support Fern's work to improve bioenergy policies
 - Organising and participating in meetings with key policy makers on forest and climate issues
 - Researching and building relationships with relevant people in other EU Institutions and EU Member States.
2. Communication tasks
- Working with Fern's communications team to develop and deliver communication strategies
 - Developing communication materials to explain our bioenergy work in an accessible way
 - Writing regular campaign updates and articles for, among others, Fern's newsletter EU Forest Watch (10 issues per year).
3. Other :
- Developing the strategy behind the forest and climate campaign
 - Helping fundraise for the successful continuation of Fern campaigns
 - Reporting on meetings and producing work plans
 - Managing the campaign budget in close co-operation with Fern's financial officer and Fern's forest and climate campaigner.

B. Requirements:

The ideal candidate will have a campaigning background and the ability to turn complex policy jargon into clear narratives. They will be an excellent team worker able to work with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds, show initiative, and deliver accurate communications under pressure.

Essential

- Interest in issues related to the climate and environment
- A good understanding of the functioning of the EU, its institutions and decision-making processes
- Knowledge of (EU) climate and energy policies
- Experience in NGO advocacy and campaigning
- Creative communication skills
- Able to write and edit clear, publishable material
- Fluency in English and ideally, another European language (especially German, Polish, Finnish or Swedish)
- Good organisational skills - able to prioritise and manage workload
- Able to work in and coordinate a team
- **Travel:** As Fern is an international organisation with offices in two countries and activities in numerous countries, some travel will be necessary to attend meetings.
- **Flexibility:** Fern is a small campaigning organisation, and some flexibility will be required in working hours, for example in the case of preparing urgent funding proposals, budgets etc.

Applications can be sent to viviane@fern.org until 24 January. Interviews will take place on 7 February in Brussels. In special circumstances, interviews may be arranged via telephone.

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