



CALL FOR A POLICY OFFICER FOR JUST TRANSITION

Are you an engaged and committed professional looking to make a difference? Are you passionate about contributing to the fights for social justice and against climate change and environmental degradation? Do you have strong communication skills, as well as an active network in Brussels? Then SOLIDAR has the position for you – we are currently looking for a junior Policy Officer for Just Transition to join our team and implement our work on citizens' and civil society's active participation and deliberation in a just and fair green transition. **The position is to be filled as soon as possible.**

SOLIDAR is a network of progressive civil society organisations (CSOs) working to advance social justice through a Just Transition in Europe and worldwide. With over 50 member organisations based in 26 countries (19 of which are EU countries), we voice the values of our member organisations to the EU and international institutions across three main policy areas; social affairs, lifelong learning, and international development cooperation, with an overarching Just Transition strategy.

Main responsibilities:

The Policy Officer will be mainly responsible for the development and implementation of the activities led by SOLIDAR or by other partners in the framework of the Horizon 2020 project REAL_DEAL “Reshaping European Advances towards green Leadership through DELiberative Approaches and Learning”, as well as of SOLIDAR's Just Transition project. These include:

- In coordination with REAL_DEAL partners, creating a European Civil Society Forum for the Green and Just Transition gathering a diversity of organisations and groups, and organising three meetings of the Forum that focus on developing synergies to achieve the goals of the European Green Deal (EGD).
- Producing a European Green Deal Monitoring Report, which presents civil society's assessment of the progress made towards the objectives laid out by the EGD and the SDGs, with concrete recommendations.
- Developing at least one relevant policy brief containing recommended measures that policymakers could adopt to enhance deliberative and participatory democracy around the EGD.
- Analysing the gaps and shortcomings of the EGD, including the missing links with other relevant EU policy frameworks such as the EU Gender Equality Strategy, the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), the EU's trade policy framework and policies that are too weak to drive the promised transition.
- Building a network of policymakers in support of deliberative and participatory democracy.
- Developing a policy statement on the Fit for 55 package and gathering support for it from different Progressive forces at national level.

The Policy Officer supports the transversal policy work of SOLIDAR and its membership related to just transition and civic space, as well as the Communications team and the cooperation with relevant networks, donors, and other international partners. Under



delegation, you will represent SOLIDAR & SOLIDAR Foundation in relevant meetings and events.

Required knowledge and experience

- Academic degree within a relevant field or equivalent work experience.
- Experience in project management, monitoring and budget follow-up.
- In-depth knowledge of EU social and/or climate and environmental affairs, policies and processes.
- Communication and advocacy skills, such as designing and developing policy messages.
- Proficiency in English and at least one more language (French, Spanish or German preferred).

Skills/abilities

- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Excellent planning and coordination skills; flexible attitude ready to adjust priorities as required. High degree of attention to details, commitment to quality and ability to prioritise tasks.
- Ability to communicate in a clear, concise, and compelling manner.
- Demonstrated networking skills.
- Adheres to SOLIDAR's values of solidarity, equality, and participation.
- Capable to work independently and in a remote working context.

Meriting

- Experience of working with or within a membership-based organisation.
- Previous work or experience with progressive organisations at national or European level and/or EU-based media relations.
- Database management and GDPR experience/training.
- Graphic design and video-editing skills (Adobe package, Canva etc.)
- Advanced knowledge of more languages relevant for the position.
- IT and internal communications knowledge.

What do we offer?

Full time contract (CDD) until the 31st of December 2022 at our office in Brussels, with possibilities for continuation. Conditions according to Belgian legislation.

- Salary as per SOLIDAR salary grid
- Holiday allowance and 13th month pay
- Representation allowance, transport allowance and lunch vouchers.
- Preferred starting date: ASAP

How to apply?

If you are interested in applying for the position of Junior Policy Officer for Just Transition, please send an email to communications@solidar.org with subject line 'Policy Officer Just Transition – Your Surname', including:

- Your CV (maximum 2 pages).

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- A motivational letter explaining why you are interested in the position and think you have the right profile for the job, and date when you could start (maximum 1 page).

Deadline to apply: 4th of February 2022.

Only shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

Candidates must have the right to live and work in Belgium.