



CALL FOR A POLICY FELLOW IN EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

SOLIDAR Foundation for Progressive Education and Democratic Participation is the Learning Hub of SOLIDAR, a network of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working to achieve a Just Transition to Social Justice in Europe and worldwide. With 50+ member organisations based in 27 countries (19 of which are EU countries), member organisations are national CSOs in Europe, as well as some non-EU and EU-wide organisations, working in one or more of our fields of activity. SOLIDAR voices the values of its member organisations to the EU and international institutions across the three main policy sectors: social affairs, education and lifelong learning, and international cooperation.

Are you an analytical and engaged person with a burning heart for quality and inclusive education policies, social rights, and European politics? Then apply now for this fellowship! We're looking for a candidate with a firm belief in the European labour and citizens' movements. This role will support the policy analysis work of the Education and Lifelong Learning team, including SOLIDAR Foundation publications to support an inclusive implementation of the European Education Area while advocating for building learning and sustainable societies.

SOLIDAR Foundation is looking for a policy fellow in the Education and Lifelong Learning team who can start **in June** for a duration of **6 months**. The person will be part of the SOLIDAR Foundation team, supporting it in policy and advocacy work, including the organisation of external and internal events, while developing knowledge and experience of the fast-paced and diverse work of the SOLIDAR network. To this end, traveling may be required.

This fellowship programme is open to activists, recent graduates and students in the final phase of their master's looking for an experience in a dynamic and multicultural working environment. The role will allow you to discover the working environment of Civil Society Organisations in Brussels in a member-based European network. It will give you an introduction to strategic advocacy work on the EU level as well as an understanding of the impact on the national level.

Key tasks:

Within the SOLIDAR Foundation fellowship programme, fellows have an opportunity to support and analyse policy developments at the EU level in **education and lifelong learning policy**. The fellow will contribute to the work of SOLIDAR by supporting the team with policy analysis and monitoring, drafting the briefings to keep our membership informed and engaged in the European debate, as well as by supporting the organisation of external and internal events and policy-related EU-funded projects.

The fellowship program is under the form of "[La convention d'immersion professionnelle](#)" registered under Belgian law. The foreseen monthly allowance is approximately €1000.

During the programme, the fellow will be expected to make substantive contributions to:

- The monitoring of EU policy developments in the field of education and lifelong learning and support the related information sharing and briefing activities for the membership;
- The drafting of briefing papers, position papers, policy papers and contribution to open consultations about education and lifelong learning;
- Participation in meetings, conferences, workshops in and around the EU institutions for the purpose of reporting back to SOLIDAR Secretariat;
- The organisation of internal and external events to engage the membership and advocate for the policy recommendations drawn from the research findings;
- Support with the development of project deliverables and with the tasks needed to ensure the timely delivery of narrative and financial reports for projects;
- Supporting the team with communications tasks, such as drafting social media posts.

Requirements

- Degree in relevant field (e.g. Political Sciences; European studies; Education studies)

Key skills and competences:

- Fluency in English (written and spoken)
- proven research skills in light of the need to engage in desk research for preparing briefing publications;
- Well-developed writing and editing skills, analysis and synthesis skills
- Ability to write briefing papers and monitoring reports as well as news articles
- Excellent organisational skills and time-management competences
- Interest in education and lifelong learning policies, and democratic participation
- Eagerness to learn about EU policies and EU decision-making process
- Digital literacy: good command of digital environments such as Microsoft Teams/365; ability to use efficiently video-conferencing tools; good command of social media (FB, TW)
- Dedication to the values of SOLIDAR: solidarity, equality and democratic participation

Assets

- Fluency in French, German or Spanish
- Ability to use multimedia platforms such as Genial.ly
- Experience with activism/volunteering in SOLIDAR member organisations or in non-formal and informal learning environments

If you are interested in participating in the SOLIDAR policy fellowship programme, please send:

- Your CV of max. 2 pages
- A cover letter max. 1 page explaining why you think you are suited for this position, and what your objectives and expected outcomes are for this experience to Elisa Gambardella (elisa.gambardella@solidar.org) with subject line 'Fellowship - SOLIDAR Foundation - Your name and Surname' **by 16th May 2022 midnight.** Only short-listed candidates will be interviewed and requested to take a written assignment. Tentative dates for interviews: 23rd - 25th of May.

Candidates must have the right to live and work in Belgium, hence either based in or willing to relocate to Belgium.