



Adviser – Policy and Advocacy

- Do you want to help strengthen the voice of Towns and Regions and their Associations, in decentralised cooperation and EU external policies?
- Do you want to embrace policy work to develop PLATFORMA positions based on evidence from local realities?
- Do you want to be part of a collaborative team where your competencies will be highly useful?

... then becoming an **Adviser – Policy and Advocacy** at PLATFORMA may be your best choice: come and work with us!

PLATFORMA is a pan-European coalition of local and regional governments and their representative associations, all active in decentralised cooperation. The lead partner is the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).

Your mission

You will be responsible for the monitoring of policy and legislative developments in the field of EU external action (financing instrument NDICI and its programming, territorial approach to local development, EU-AU relations, aid effectiveness, innovative financing) and the advocacy towards the EU institutions to include the role of and the opportunities for local and regional governments; You are also responsible for the monitoring of partners' activities. You will report directly to the Director of PLATFORMA.

- **Policy:** monitor, contribute to research and publications on issues relevant to evidence-based advocacy;
- **Advocacy & networking:** lobby the EU institutions to include the role of and opportunities for local and regional authorities in the EU development policy; be the contact point for EU institutions and other stakeholders regarding EU external action;
- **Representation of PLATFORMA** at the Policy Forum on Development: actively contribute to the Task Team and the overall work of the PFD together with the director of PLATFORMA, and support the secretary general of CEMR as co-chair of the PFD for local authorities; represent PLATFORMA at relevant meetings and conferences in Brussels and occasionally abroad; facilitate the participation of members in events of the European institutions;
- **Monitoring of partners' activities:** ensure smooth communication with relevant project partners; monitor closely the progress of partners' activities in line with the foreseen budget; support project partners in the delivery of their own activities.

Your profile

- You have at least 3 years' experience in development cooperation and understand the role and functioning of local and regional governments in this area;
- You are fluent (written and oral skills) in English and another EU language;

- You have good knowledge of the European Union policy-making and decision-making processes;
- You are able to work independently with minimal supervision;
- You have excellent critical thinking and problem-solving capacity;
- On the human side, you are a positive and reliable person, keen on working in an international team, you have strong inter-personal and communication skills;
- You are available to travel, if necessary, in Europe and/or internationally.

We offer

- A one-year contract with possibility of extension;
- A valuable experience with local governments and EU institutions;
- An open, international, and flexible work environment;
- A modern and accessible office in the European Quarter nearby Luxembourg Brussels Station.

Wishing to join us?

We are looking forward to meeting you! Send your CV and application letter **in English** telling us about your motivation and interest to application@ccre-cemr.org before 23h59 – 25 September 2022. Please put **Adviser – Policy and Advocacy** in the subject line of the email. Starting date will take place as soon as possible. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted. More about us: platforma-dev.eu - www.cemr.eu

CEMR is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage diversity of experience and background and encourage individuals from less well-represented sectors of society to apply.

About CEMR

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) is the broadest organisation of local and regional authorities in Europe. Its members are over 60 national associations of municipalities and regions from 40 European countries. Together these associations represent some 100,000 local and regional governments.

CEMR's objectives are twofold: to influence European legislation on behalf of local and regional authorities and to provide a platform for exchange between its member associations and their elected officials and experts.

Moreover, CEMR is the European section of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the worldwide organisation of local government.

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