



Standardisation Policy Officer

Are you interested in standardisation and in working in an international environment following new standardisation and policy developments in different areas and sectors? Are you interested in helping SMEs to influence the development of standards at European and International level? Do you enjoy having personal contacts with a wide variety of stakeholders from industry and European institutions? Are you fluent in English, have a flexible attitude and like to work in an independent way in a small team? Then you may be the new Small Business Standards (SBS) Standardisation Policy Officer we are looking for to join our small team in Brussels!

Main tasks and responsibilities:

- Monitoring and analysing general standardisation policy developments at European level.
- Monitoring standardisation activities and coordinating the work of SBS experts in European and International Technical Committees in a limited number of sectors.
- Developing and writing policy papers, briefings, speeches, and advocacy material.
- Representing SBS in different meetings with external stakeholders e.g. European Standards Organisations.
- Contributing to the organization of workshops and conferences.
- Contributing to the reporting activities to the European Commission and SBS members.
- Supporting the Director in the daily management of the Secretariat, including the organisation and follow-up of Board and General Assembly meetings.

Qualifications, skills and competences:

- Advanced university degree in economics, law, political science, international relations, or relevant related fields.
- At least 3 years of relevant professional work experience
- Understanding of the European Standardisation system and/or interest in learning about standardisation. Experience working for a national, European or International Standards Organisation or previous involvement in standardisation work is definitely an advantage.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills (written and verbal) and able of explaining technical issues to a non-expert audience.
- Proven ability to work on different projects at the same time, manage and prioritise tasks and respect tight deadlines.
- Team player, confident in contributing ideas and with a hands-on and solutions-driven work attitude.
- Be able to take initiatives and demonstrate pro-activeness.
- Fluent in English. Additional languages are an asset.
- Good computer skills, Word, Power Point and Excel in particular

What we are offering:

- A long term, full-time contract (38 hours per week) under Belgian law

- Additional benefits including group insurance, hospitalisation insurance, meal vouchers and an attractive holiday package.

Flexibility and balance between work and private life are equally important for us.

The successful candidate will be required to start working as of 1st September at the latest.

Applications:

Applications should be sent to the attention of Ms Maitane Olabarria, SBS Director, (info@sbs-sme.eu) by Friday 23 July 2021. The application should include a CV and a cover letter of maximum 1 page outlining your suitability for the role. **Please include SBS Standardisation Policy Officer in the subject line.** Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and therefore early applications are encouraged. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

About SBS:

[Small Business Standards](#) (SBS) is the European organisation representing and defending Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in standardisation. Co-financed by the European Commission and EFTA, SBS advises and supports SMEs and SME organisations across Europe on how best to influence the standardisation process at European and International level.