JOB OPPORTUNITY: POLICY ANALYST (MARITIME AFFAIRS AND RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT) – V.I.E Contract

Do you want to play a central role within the most influential European association of regions?

The CPMR is looking for a Policy Analyst (1-year contract, renewable for one additional year) to support the work of the association on maritime affairs and to coordinate the secretariat of the European Parliament Intergroup on Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas. We are looking for a person with strong interpersonal skills with a keen understanding of European maritime policies, with a strong understanding of EU decision-making and the role of regions in the European arena. If you are a dynamic, proactive individual aiming to make a difference by supporting regional interests within the European Union, this job is for you!

Note: This position is offered under a V.I.E contract (French International Postgraduate Internship Programme). Please only apply if you meet the requirements for a V.I.E contract from the Business France website.

WHO WE ARE | About the CPMR:

The Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions of Europe CPMR (www.cpmr.org) is a pan-European Association representing about 150 Regions in 24 European Union countries and beyond. It is both a think tank and an interest group for Regional Authorities. Since it was established in 1973, the CPMR has been acting to promote a more balanced development of the European territory. Most of its work addresses EU policies with a strong territorial impact (e.g. Cohesion Policy, maritime dimension of all EU policies, territorial accessibility, transport, energy and climate change).

The CPMR is subdivided into six Geographical Commissions: Baltic Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Arc, Mediterranean, Balkan and Black Sea, Islands. The Geographical Commissions form the backbone of the CPMR, contributing to its political deliberations and documents.
WHAT WE OFFER | The position:

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JOB DESCRIPTION | Your responsibilities

In relation to supporting activities related to Maritime affairs:
- To provide policy support to the CPMR maritime team on specific areas to be agreed with the CPMR Director responsible for Maritime Affairs;
- To contribute to the lobbying efforts of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR);
- To represent and communicate the positions of the CPMR on Maritime Affairs to the EU institutions, and the European Parliament;
- To attend and report on external events, organised by European institutions or by CPMR Member Regions;
- To take responsibility for organising conferences and seminars in line with the CPMR work programme for Maritime Affairs.

In relation to supporting the SEARICA Intergroup:
- To coordinate the SEArica Intergroup and contribute to the organisation of events in line with the objectives and aspirations of the SEArica Intergroup;
- To manage the Intergroup website and communications;
- To support the CPMR Geographical Commissions and Directors in terms of their contact with the European Parliament, in line with the activities of the Intergroup.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS REQUIRED | Are you the person we are looking for?

Essential work experience and educational background:
- Higher education qualifications in a relevant field;
A very high level of proficiency or native level of fluency in English is an essential prerequisite;
At least one year’s experience of EU affairs, preferably working with local and regional governments;
Personal interest in EU Maritime policies.

Advantageous and desirable experience:
- Work experience at the European Parliament;
- Knowledge and experience of EU maritime policies;
- Proficiency in at least another European language (particularly French) is a strong asset;
- Knowledge and understanding of regional interests in relation to European Union policies.

**DESIRABLE PERSONAL SKILLS | As a person, we expect that you:**

- Have distinctive teamwork and interpersonal skills as well diplomacy, resilience and analytical skills;
- Are capable of working in a relatively autonomous and structured way but can quickly adapt to and manage unexpected and complex or politically sensitive situations;
- Have an understanding of intercultural contexts and are able to handle different working cultures;
- Have a proactive and dynamic attitude to work.

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

The application should be sent to [jobs@crpm.org](mailto:jobs@crpm.org) by **Friday 7 August 2020**, including a cover letter in English and your CV, and specify “CPMR Policy Analyst (Maritime Affairs and relations with the European Parliament)” in the email subject.

Interviews are planned to take place at the **end of August 2020 in Brussels**. A written test will also be foreseen.

**EMPLOYMENT TERMS**

The position is a fixed-term contract (one-year renewable for an additional year). The successful applicant is expected to start in October. The decision on the successful application is expected to be made at the end of August 2020. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you require further information on the position and tasks you are welcome to contact Nick Brookes, Executive Director at the CPMR ([nicolas.brookes@crpm.org](mailto:nicolas.brookes@crpm.org))