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EU Policy Officer on Sustainability and Cross-Sectoral Affairs

Organisation: European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV)
Location: On-site, Brussels, Belgium
Contract: Full-time
Start Date: December 2026/January 2027.

UECBV is looking for a motivated and enthusiastic **EU Policy Officer on Sustainability and Cross-Sectoral Affairs** to join its Brussels-based team and contribute to its EU policy and advocacy activities.

The position will focus on **EU sustainability policies and broader cross-cutting issues** affecting the livestock, meat, and trade sectors, including competitiveness, regulatory simplification, food security, and environmental policies.

The successful candidate will monitor and analyse EU policy developments, contribute to UECBV's advocacy activities and policy positions, and engage with EU institutions and stakeholders.

A key part of the role will be **fostering cooperation across UECBV's different sections**, identifying common priorities, and helping build coherent positions that reflect the interests of the entire livestock and meat value chain.

By joining UECBV, you will also help implement **UECBV Vision 2030**, strengthen our proactive, coordinated, and evidence-based advocacy, and ensure Europe's livestock and meat sectors speak with one strong, unified voice at the EU level.

Key Responsibilities

- **EU Policy Monitoring:** Monitor and analyse EU policy and regulatory developments, focusing on sustainability, environmental policies, competitiveness, regulatory simplification, food security, and other cross-sectoral issues affecting the livestock and meat value chain.
- **Policy Development and Advocacy:** Contribute to UECBV's policy positions, consultation responses, briefing papers, and advocacy activities, ensuring evidence-based and forward-looking approaches.
- **Cross-Sectoral Coordination:** Foster cooperation across UECBV's sections and working groups, identify common priorities and support the development of coherent positions representing the entire value chain.
- **EU Institutional Engagement:** Participate in meetings, consultations and events with EU institutions, policymakers and relevant stakeholders, representing and promoting UECBV's positions.
- **Strategic Advocacy and Vision 2030:** Support the implementation of UECBV Vision 2030 by identifying emerging policy challenges and opportunities, contributing to advocacy, and strengthening UECBV's unified voice.

What You Bring

- **Education:** University degree in EU affairs, political science, environmental studies, law, agricultural sciences, economics, or a related field.
- **Professional Experience:** 3–5 years of relevant experience in EU policy, public affairs, advocacy, or stakeholder engagement, preferably within a European association, EU institution, or related organisation.

- **EU Policy Knowledge:** Good understanding of EU institutions, legislative processes, and policy developments, with a strong interest in sustainability, agriculture, food systems, and competitiveness.
- **Professional and Interpersonal Skills:** Strong analytical, drafting, and communication skills, combined with a collaborative and diplomatic approach. Able to manage competing priorities, work independently, take initiative, and engage constructively with diverse stakeholders in a multicultural environment.
- **Languages:** Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.

Even if you don't meet all the criteria, we encourage you to apply! Above all, we value initiative, intellectual curiosity, teamwork, and the ability to turn ideas into concrete actions.

Why Join UECBV?

At UECBV, you will join a small, international team where your work is visible, your ideas are valued, and you have the opportunity to take real responsibility. You will work on diverse EU policy issues, engage directly with European institutions and industry stakeholders, and gain hands-on experience in a dynamic and sometimes demanding environment. We offer a collaborative workplace, room for professional growth, and a competitive salary and benefits package reflecting your experience and qualifications.

Starting day

December 2026/January 2027.

Location

UECBV Office in Brussels. The position primarily requires **on-site work** with some flexibility for teleworking.

How to Apply

Please email your CV to info@uecbv.eu with the subject line *EU Policy Officer – Sustainability & Cross-Sectoral Affairs* by **23rd November 2026.**

Join UECBV and help build a stronger, more competitive, and sustainable future for Europe's livestock, meat, and trade sectors!

About Us

Founded in 1952, UECBV is the European organisation representing the livestock, meat, and trade sectors. Through its 44 national member federations, UECBV represents approximately 20,000 businesses across Europe. UECBV works closely with EU institutions, international organisations, and all relevant stakeholders to promote a competitive, sustainable, and resilient European livestock and meat sectors, ensuring the industry's positions are represented in EU policymaking. Our small, dynamic, and international team offers a professional, collaborative working environment where a strong European spirit and a shared commitment to making a difference are at the heart of what we do.