



Trade and investment campaigner at FERN

Full time position, based in Brussels, Belgium or Moreton in Marsh, UK

FERN is an international organisation that works to achieve greater environmental and social justice, focusing on forests and forest peoples' rights in the policies and practices of the European Union. We co-ordinate several NGO networks and work co-operatively to achieve change. Currently, our main campaign areas are illegal logging, bio-energy, carbon trading, development co-operation and trade and investment.

FERN is a non-hierarchical organisation 'owned' by all staff jointly. You would therefore be fully responsible for the running, well-being and quality of the whole organisation.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Main responsibilities:

- Developing and effectively implementing FERN's 2008/2009 campaign on Export Credit Agency financing and related work on Free Trade Agreements;
- Developing a long-term plan, that outlines how FERN's work can best contribute to creating an alternative to the carbon economy by halting EU and European funds for extraction of fossil fuels;
- Managing the organisation as part of the management team, thereby contributing to the development of FERN as an organisation.

Issue related tasks:

- Developing a close working relationship with relevant NGOs active in the field of trade and investment in Europe and in the South, including groups working on private banks, multilateral banks and global financial flows;
- Guiding and carrying out research and presenting results to relevant target groups;
- Researching the possible role of various EU DGs in halting EU financing of fossil fuel extraction;
- Developing ideas of how to hold EU accountable to its own policies and legal frameworks;
- Facilitating and organising the information flow from European and Southern NGOs to relevant EU institutions and vice versa;
- Participating in and organising meetings/seminars with Commission officials and MEPs if and when required;
- Networking with people in the EU Institutions and relevant representatives of EU Member States;
- Writing regular campaign updates and articles for, among others, FERN's newsletter EU Forest Watch (10 issues per year).

General FERN tasks:

- Staying informed at a general level on the various campaigns FERN is involved in;

- Advising FERN's team about how their campaign aims are affected by financial flows;
- Raising funds for the successful continuation of FERN's trade and investment work and core needs;
- Carrying out general managerial and administrative tasks, shared between all staff;
- Fulfilling FERN's policies on reporting on meetings, producing work plans etc;
- Managing the campaign budget in close co-operation with FERN's financial officer;
- Maintaining a proper filing system on issues relevant to the position;
- Ensuring FERN's reputation as a professional organisation is maintained at all times.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential:

- Several years experience in developing, implementing and evaluating campaign plans;
- Several years experience in working with and facilitating NGOs or NGO networks;
- Successful fundraising experience;
- A good understanding of how financial markets work;
- A good understanding of different ways to hold the EU accountable;
- A good understanding of how EU institutions function in relation to trade and investment and finance;
- Excellent spoken and written English;
- Good organisational skills and excellent computer skills (Microsoft office);
- Proven ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with both partner organisations at the grassroots level and with Commission officials and MEPs;
- The ability to work individually and within a team;
- The ability to manage a workload and identify priorities;
- Willingness to travel frequently between FERN's offices and abroad when required.

Desirable:

- A degree in economics;
- Good understanding of legal procedures;
- Other European languages;
- Able to use of InDesign software.

APPLICATIONS

Applications consisting of a CV and a letter explaining your interest in the job as well as in working for FERN need to be sent before 6 September 2008 to julie@fern.org and marie@fern.org.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Salary range is 33,300 to 47,150 Euro, depending on experience.

Selected candidates will be invited for an interview and notified by **Wednesday 10 September**.

The interview will take place on **Monday 15 September** in our Brussels office.