

TRADE & INVESTMENT POLICY DIRECTOR AFEP (French Association of Large Companies) Brussels, Belgium / Paris, France

ABOUT AFEP:

AFEP brings together large global multinational companies operating in France. AFEP aims to foster a business-friendly environment and to present the company members' vision to French public authorities, European institutions and international organisations. AFEP works on cross-sectoral legislation, at French and European level, in the following areas: economy, taxation, company law and corporate governance, corporate finance and financial markets, trade, competition, intellectual property and consumer affairs, labour law and social protection, environment and energy, and corporate social responsibility.

Our 115 member companies represent 8.5 million employees around the world, a consolidated turnover of € 3,000 bn.

THE POSITION:

AFEP is seeking to develop its activities in the field of Trade & Investment Policy and is therefore creating a new position of Trade & Investment Policy Director. She/he will develop AFEP's activities notably on the following topics: trade negotiations, investments in third countries and their protection, trade defence, implementation of concluded trade agreements, public debate on trade.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Define the positions of the Association together with its member companies
- Monitor and analyse the developments in EU Trade & Investment Policy and regularly inform the members
- Promote the positions of the Association towards EU institutions and French authorities
- Develop a network and coalitions in Brussels and Paris

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Postgraduate degree in EU policy, EU law, Trade law, or Trade economics
- At least 5 years of experience in trade issues, ideally in trade negotiations, trade defence cases or investment protection, with the EU or a national administration, a business association or a company

SKILLS & COMPETENCES:

- Expertise in trade policy and/or trade law
- A good understanding of EU policy-making
- A real interest in lobbying and an ability to devise and implement lobbying strategies
- Fluent written and spoken French and English
- Well-organised, proactive, transparent, team player with a positive can-do attitude
- Self-starter and result-oriented
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Networking skills
- Research skills

CONTRACT:

The Trade & Investment Policy Director will be employed under a permanent contract on a full-time basis. She/he will preferably based in Brussels with frequent travel to Paris (2 days per week).

APPLICATIONS:

Please send your curriculum and cover letter in French if you are not a French native speaker, in English if you are a French native speaker <u>before 24 February 2017</u> to: <u>afep@afep.be.</u>