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# **Adviser Payment Systems**

The EACB Secretariat is looking to recruit a junior professional to advise the EACB members on policy developments in the area of Payment Systems to develop EACBs advocacy activities in this context.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

The adviser will be part of the department that is responsible for the representation of the interests of Europe's co-operative banks on legislative, supervisory and other European initiatives in the area of retail banking, payments, digitalisation and financial markets, including the impact of sustainable finance related measures. The person in question will report to the Head of the Department. His or her portfolio will comprise the following tasks:

- Monitoring of policy debates and other developments impacting the payments business of EACB members such as:
  - legislative initiatives driven by the European Commission, Council, Parliament,
  - policy measures and initiatives undertaken by or under the auspices of the European Central Bank (cash issuance and circulation, settlement of payments, oversight of payment systems, discussions in the context of the Euro Retail Payments Board, Digital euro)
  - self-regulatory initiatives and scheme management development in the context of the European Payments Council
  - the European Payments Initiative.
- Providing regular updates to member organisations regarding the above-mentioned topics (by way of, emails, internal memos and reports);
- The organisation and animation of meetings with EACB members to discuss the above topics, which take place in the context of the EACB Payment Systems Working group;
- Drafting of papers, letters, briefing notes and speeches required to support the advocacy
  of the opinion formulated by the EACB membership on any of the above-mentioned topics;
- Building and maintaining a network of relevant contacts in 1) EU institutions, EBA and ECB and 2) stakeholder organisations and other trade associations contributing to the debate on the above-mentioned topics;
- Building and maintaining close relations with the staff members and experts in EACB member organisations that are responsible for the above-mentioned topics.
- Represent the interests of EACB members in 1) meetings/discussions with representatives of the EU Institutions (European Commission, European Parliament, Council, ECB, European Banking Authority and other relevant bodies), 2) in meetings of working groups of the Euro Retail Payments Board, 3) in meetings of working groups of the European Payments Council;

The voice of 2.800 local and retail banks, 84 million members, 209 million customers in EU



### PROFILE

The EACB is looking for candidates that:

- Have a distinct interest in payment systems/technology and innovation, the impact of regulatory developments in this area on cooperative banks and the process of interest representation
- Hold a University degree (Master's level) preferably in economics, business administration, IT, engineering and have an affinity with EU law.
- Can demonstrate 3 5 year work experience with a preference for experience in the area of payment systems, banking, financial service policy making or a trade association
- Have knowledge of EU institutions and EU decision making processes
- Are fluent in the English language (reading, writing, speaking). Knowledge of other official languages of the European Union is also appreciated.
- Are outgoing, quick learners and have good communication, drafting and analytical skills.
- Have the capacity to work independently.
- Are team-players with strong inter-personal skills and ability to work efficiently under time pressure.

## BENEFITS

The European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB) is an international non-profit association which was founded in 1970 and is based in Brussels. It represents the interests of co-operative banks in Europe with 27 members representing 2.700 local banks. Co-operative banks have a long tradition in serving 214 million customers, mainly consumers, retailers and SMEs with a total average market share of about 20%. They have been and are leading in many payment innovation initiatives at national and European level with a strong focus on retail payments.

Further information on the association is available on <u>www.eacb.coop</u>.

The EACB offers a dynamic work environment in an international and multilingual team of policy experts. As part of a major European Credit Sector Association, you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the EU policy making machine and develop high-level contacts in the area of financial services both in the different EU institutions and in the EACB membership.

We offer a competitive remuneration package, including among others lunch vouchers, group insurance and transport allowance.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please address your CV and motivation letter by 10 October 2021 to:

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