

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

The Co-operative Difference: Sustainability, Proximity, Governance

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Adviser Retail Banking, Consumer Policy and AML

The EACB Secretariat is looking to recruit a young professional to advise the EACB members on policy developments regarding Retail Banking, Consumer Policy and Anti-Money Laundering and to develop EACBs advocacy activities in this context.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The adviser join EACBs Retail Banking, Payments and Financial Markets Department. This department deals with legislative, supervisory and other European initiatives impacting the product development side of cooperative banks and the relationship with their clients such as product legislation (e.g. mortgages, consumer credit, accounts, payments, investment services), horizontal consumer protection law (e.g. data protection) but also other horizontal policy debates such as digitalisation, money-laundering and sustainable finance. The person in question will report to the Head of the Department. Her or his portfolio will comprise the following tasks:

- Monitoring of European initiatives (legislative or self-regulatory) relevant for cooperative banks in the area of retail banking. Areas of particular interest are bank accounts, lending and borrowing, savings, horizontal consumer protection law and Anti-Money Laundering.
- Building and maintaining of a network of relevant contacts in 1) EU institutions and other bodies (e.g. European Commission/European Parliament/Council/EBA) and 2) stakeholder organisations and other trade associations contributing to the debate on the abovementioned topics.
- Building and maintaining close relations with the staff members and experts in EACB member organisations that are responsible for the above-mentioned topics.
- Providing regular updates to member organisations about regarding relevant regulatory policy debates and initiatives, self-regulatory initiatives or other interesting developments (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 Consumer Policy Working Group and Anti-Money Laundering Expert Group;
- Drafting of papers, letters and speeches expressing the view of the EACB membership on relevant policy initiatives for internal and external use and or distribution;
- Advocate the views of EACB member organisations in meetings with representatives of the EU institutions and other stakeholders.
- Support the running of the secretariat of the European Banking Industry Committee (EBIC).

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PROFILE

The EACB is looking for candidates that:

- Can demonstrate affinity with banking and cooperative banking in particular
- Have a distinct interest in the above-mentioned topics and advocacy.
- Hold a university degree (Master's level) in EU law, business administration or economics.
- Have a first work experience in the area of banking, financial service policy making or in European Affairs/the EU institutions
- Have a good knowledge of EU law, EU institutions and EU decision making processes.
- Are fluent in written and spoken English. 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%. Further information on the association is available on www.eacb.coop.

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 develop high-level contacts in the area of financial services and to gain expertise.

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 12 March 2021 to:

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