Sustainability Manager

RECHARGE - The Advanced Rechargeable & Lithium Batteries Association

Brussels, Belgium

Background on RECHARGE & position

RECHARGE is the European industry association for advanced rechargeable and lithium batteries. Founded in 1998, it is our mission to promote advanced rechargeable batteries as a key technology that will contribute to a more empowered, sustainable and circular economy by enabling decarbonised electricity and mobility, and cutting-edge consumer products. RECHARGE’s unique membership covers all aspects of the advanced rechargeable battery value chain: From suppliers of primary and secondary raw materials, to battery and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), to logistic partners and battery recyclers. [www.rechargebatteries.org](http://www.rechargebatteries.org)

We are seeking an experienced ‘Sustainability Manager’ on life-cycle assessment. Expertise on REACH-related issues and/or standardization is an asset. The position aims at supporting the coordination of the battery sector’s Product Environmental Footprint Technical Secretariat which is run by RECHARGE. Other main tasks would include following the upcoming REACH Revision as well as relevant standardization work for our sector, reporting to the RECHARGE members and formulating positions. The Sustainability Manager would also develop inhouse market intelligence, and contribution to RECHARGE reports and papers.

The position is in RECHARGE’s offices in Brussels, with the possibility for home-office 2 days/week. The contract is for a full-time position.

Profile & person description

- You hold a university degree (masters level) in environmental studies, renewable energies, or energy economics, or similar;
- You have a strong expertise on the challenges related to life-cycle assessment and carbon footprint calculations. Expertise on REACH-related issues and/or standardization is an asset;
- You are familiar with the architecture of the regulatory framework impacting the batteries sector and have knowledge about the batteries market development;
- You have expertise in running working groups and/or projects. You have demonstrated your ability to coordinate multi-stakeholder meetings. Work experience in an association is an asset;
- You are fluent in English and at least one other EU language;
- You have a passion for the energy transition and for the battery sector. You have the ambition to contribute establishing a sustainable and competitive batteries value chain in Europe;
- You have a sense of entrepreneurship and appreciate working in a small organization. You are a team player, result-oriented and able to provide creative and simple solutions to complex issues;
- You are a good communicator and are able to express ideas in a clear and concise manner, in both written and oral forms;
- Work experience for a batteries manufacturer is an asset.
Key responsibilities

- Coordination support of the battery sector’s Product Environmental Footprint Technical Secretariat which is run by RECHARGE;
- Follow and prepare RECHARGE’s input to the Revision of the REACH Regulation;
- Follow and prepare RECHARGE’s input to the standardization work requested by the Commission as part of the Batteries Regulation implementation;
- Develop an inhouse market intelligence;
- Support following & preparing RECHARGE positions on sustainability, environmental and due diligence legislative files;
- Follow and contribute to stakeholder and expert group discussions on grid connection related issues;
- Contribution to RECHARGE reports and papers. Prepare briefing notes, presentations and relevant materials in relation to these policy areas for Board members and the management team;
- Conduct research and produce evidence-based positions to support our positions;
- Promote our positions by interacting with EU-decision makers, desk officers, standardization committees, expert groups and stakeholders. Ensure external representation of our positions by attending and speaking at relevant workshops and conferences;
- Contribute to the content of RECHARGE communication channels e.g. newsletter, social media and website.

Performing any other tasks or duties required of the role as appropriate. Some international travel within Europe will be required. Contribution to the running of the association, such as membership management, working groups organization, and other administrative tasks will be occasionally required. He/She would be closely working with and reporting – depending on the task, to the General Manager and Director for Public Affairs & Communications.

What we offer & how to apply

- Work in a growing association in a highly interesting evolving sector in the energy field;
- The possibility to create and extend over time a strong network of contacts in the Brussels EU policy community and batteries sector;
- Full time, permanent position in Brussels, with flexibility for home-office;
- Please email your application in English to ktimaru-Kast@rechargebatteries.org before 6 November 2022 quoting “Sustainability Manager” and your full name in the email subject line. Your application should include:
  - A cover letter (maximum 1 page) outlining your motivation for the job, why you would be a good candidate and when you would be able to start;
  - a CV (maximum 2 pages).

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

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