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BUSINESSEUROPE SEEKS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

ADVISER

FOR ITS LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

THE POSITION:

BUSINESSEUROPE's Legal Affairs Department aims to insure a competitive legal environment in the EU. Its focus is on business law, covering areas such as company law, competition, intellectual property, consumer law and financial reporting.

We are seeking an Adviser to support our work on legal issues, including, but not limited to, intellectual property. In this role you will work with our members, by organising expert working group meetings, in order to co-ordinate positions on key issues for business. You will be expected to ensure business views are well understood by policy makers through extensive contacts with EU institutions, participation in conferences and written communication. To this aim, you will be monitoring, analysing and advocating on EU policies, both formally and informally, and drafting position papers, briefings, speeches and presentations. You will also be expected to contribute to the broader work of the department according to your skills and experience.

CANDIDATES FOR THIS POST SHOULD HAVE:

- A relevant university degree (legal studies);
- Two or three years of relevant professional experience;
- Good knowledge of intellectual property issues, including patent, trade mark and copyright policy and legal issues, and understanding of the functioning of organisations like the European Patent Office (EPO).
- Good understanding of the functioning of the EU institutions, preferably gained through some experience working in the EU institutions, an international organisation, a trade association or consultancy;
- Excellent analytical skills, and the ability to assimilate the various aspects of an issue rapidly;
- Ability to transform technical input into political messages and adapt to the audience;
- Ability to define and implement lobbying strategies;
- Ability to drive forward work on own initiative working effectively as part of a team;
- Talent in negotiation and brokering compromises reflecting the general interest of all businesses on sensitive issues;
- Ability to work under pressure and meet objectives within tight deadlines;
- Good networking skills and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills in English. A good knowledge of French and of a third European language is an asset;
- Proficiency in IT tools (Office, Internet, social media);
- A pro-active and dynamic personality, with team spirit, multi-task, well-organised, flexible.

Closing date for applications: 13 July 2018

Interested candidates are invited to send a letter of application and full curriculum vitae to:

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