THE COMMITTEE OF EUROPEAN SECURITIES REGULATORS



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Job Description

Communications Officer

Position:

The Committee of European Securities Regulators (CESR) draws together securities regulators from across Europe with the purpose of:

- Providing the European Commission with technical advice regarding practical details in EU securities Legislation, in particular EU implementing measures;
- Ensuring more consistent and timely day-to-day implementation of community legislation in the Member States;
- Encouraging convergence in the practices of CESR's Members.

A position within the Communications Directorate of the CESR Secretariat has opened up, to support a number of key communications initiatives.

Role:

Supporting CESR's Communications Policy:

- Assisting the Communications Director in the implementation of a press strategy to ensure transparency and awareness of CESR's work;
- Leading on the preparation of material for the press, this involves, pre-publication: reviewing documents to ensure they are well structured, identifying interesting story angles in CESR's work, organising press conferences, preparing press interviews etc.;
- Leading the development of CESR's Annual and Half Year reports to the EU Institutions;
- Co-ordinating with the press officers of CESR Members before significant publications: arranging briefing 'conference' calls for press officers in the network with the expert if appropriate; updating them on publications which are coming up etc.;
- Assisting in the development of responses to day- to-day journalists' queries. Establishing a database of calls and answers given to assist the team;
- Assisting in the development and ongoing maintenance of CESR's new website. A strong emphasis is placed on excellent copy writing and editing skills;
- Assisting as needed with the CESR Consumer Task force: developing and editing material targeted to retail investors;
- Assisting CESR by developing internal communications material to raise the profile of the HR
 Toolkits and to encourage the use of secondments/study visits amongst staff of CESR
 Members;

Status:

- Full time activity
- Direct recruitment by CESR, or
- Secondment based in Paris with expatriation compensation (only for employees of CESR members)
- Reporting to the Communications Director

Place:



Offices of the CESR Secretariat in Paris

Skills required:

- A university degree;
- Knowledge of financial services' legislation is essential and experience in journalism highly valued. An individual with a strong communications/PR background, with experience in handling press would be valued;
- Good editing skills and attention to detail is critical;
- Strong copy writing skills are essential. The candidate should show their ability to communicate complicated ideas accurately, simply and powerfully, to various types of audiences;
- Experience in speech writing would be a valuable asset;
- A team player with willingness to take initiatives in certain areas, and an ability to support in others;
- Strong organisational skills and project management skills are very important particularly when managing publication projects such as the Annual Report;
- Excellent note taking skills.

What will you get out of this?

The opportunity to:

- Shape the way CESR communicates and contribute to the fulfilment of its accountability obligations to the European Institutions, with the satisfaction of seeing concrete products through to their end;
- Familiarise yourself with the entire range of work undertaken by CESR, and to adapt communication material for a wide variety of audiences;
- Contribute to the development of CESR as an independent body, developing ideas within an enthusiastic team;
- Work in a multi-cultural environment with contacts with all the members;
- Gain a good understanding of CESR's role in the network of supervisors, the Lamfalussy process and the construction of the EU Single Market for financial services.

Conditions:

- Must be a citizen of an EEA State
- Fluent in English (spoken and written), proven drafting capability. Knowledge of other EU languages is an asset.

Salary:

- An attractive base salary and remuneration package commensurate with experience
- No preferential tax status

All requests for further information, indication of interest or applications should be addressed to Carlo Comporti, Secretary General of CESR at secretariat@cesr.eu by 11 February 2008. Applications will be treated confidentially. In accordance with Article 7.1. of the CESR Charter, the final decision shall be taken by the Chairman of CESR after consultation with the Vice-Chair and the Secretary General.