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Public Affairs Advisor

Location: Brussels-based (Belgium)
Freelance position, part time, flexible schedule

About us

Access VetMed (accessvetmed.eu) is a non-profit association established in Brussels in 2002.
We represent the European industry of generic and added-value veterinary medicines. Our mission is to increase ACCESS –**A**vailability, **C**ompliance, **C**onvenience, **E**fficacy, **S**afety, and **S**avings – of veterinary medicines to veterinarians, and farm and companion animal owners.

About the role

Access VetMed is seeking a freelance EU Public Affairs Advisor to support our organisation in maintaining a credible presence in Brussels and engaging early in policy discussions, in line with the association's strategic priorities.

Expected services and deliverables

Policy monitoring and analysis

- Monitor EU political and policy developments relevant to veterinary medicines and interconnected fields.
- Identify emerging risks and opportunities and flag them promptly to Access VetMed, with recommendations for action.
- Provide concise political intelligence to Access VetMed and its members.

Policy positioning and messaging

- Translate technical topics into clear and targeted political messages for decision-makers.
- Contribute to the development of Access VetMed positions.

Institutional and stakeholder engagement

- Strengthen Access VetMed's positioning as a reliable and constructive partner.
- Develop and maintain direct contacts and engage proactively with EU institutions (European Parliament, European Commission, Council).
- Build and maintain alliances with partner organisations and stakeholders across sectors.
- Participate in relevant Brussels-based events and policy discussions.

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Candidates' profile

Education and experience

- Relevant university degree in political science, law, EU affairs, life sciences, veterinary medicine, agriculture or another relevant field.
- Familiarity with EU decision-making processes and institutions.
- Experience in EU public affairs, preferably in health, pharmaceuticals, animal health or related sectors, is desirable but not essential.
- Experience working with trade associations, membership organisations or multi-stakeholder environments would be an advantage.

Skills and competencies

- Strong political awareness and ability to anticipate policy developments.
- Ability to analyse and translate complex technical issues into clear policy messages.
- Excellent networking and stakeholder management skills.
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English with additional EU languages an advantage.

Ways of working and personal profile

- Able to work autonomously and proactively in a part-time role.
- Strong organisational skills and ability to prioritise effectively.
- Pragmatic and comfortable working in a small organisation.
- Collaborative and relationship-oriented, able to build trust with members and external stakeholders.
- Solution-oriented and focused on delivering practical outcomes.

How to apply

Please send a short motivation letter and CV to:
Elsa Vecino, Technical Director - elsa.vecino@accessvetmed.eu

The closing date for applications is 11 December 2026. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview, in person in Brussels or online, early in 2027. The assignment is expected to start in March/April 2027. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Access VetMed will process the personal data in your application solely to assess your candidacy for this assignment. Your data will be accessible only to those involved in the selection. You may request access to, correction or deletion of your data at any time by contacting elsa.vecino@accessvetmed.eu.

Access VetMed is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all qualified candidates regardless of gender, age, ethnic origin, nationality, religion or belief, disability or sexual orientation.