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Vacancy Notice

Party of European Socialists (PES) is looking for:

Press and Communications Officer

The Party of European Socialists (PES) is a European political party, which brings together Socialist, Social Democratic, Democratic and Labour Parties of the European Union. There are **33 full member parties** from the 28 EU member States and Norway. In addition, there are eleven associate and ten observer parties. Our office is based in Brussels.

European politics and thus the PES is ever changing and evolving, creating a dynamic working environment. The biggest challenge ahead is the upcoming European election in 2019, including our shared manifesto and the campaign for our common candidate. As a believer in democracy and transparency, PES launched the idea of the common candidate in 2013, and we have successfully campaigned for the process to continue, so that the future President of the European Commission will be elected in an open and transparent process. In this context, the PES aims to be important, relevant and visible political actor on the European level. On a national level, our mission is to provide tools and support to all our member parties, in order to help their performance on national elections and to coordinate our efforts in ensuring that all the voices of our members are well heard in the EU.

We currently have a vacancy for a **Press and Communications Officer**, who will work as member of the PES communications team in Brussels.

You'll be implementing communications strategies, generating pro-active news coverage and, where necessary, correcting and rebutting negative media coverage. You will also work on newsletters, brochures and leaflets to ensure that our supporters and stakeholders are kept updated at all times.

For this position you will need a high degree of **political awareness, substantial experience** working in communications and/or PR, and knowledge of online, print, broadcast media in order to be able to exploit the opportunities they offer.



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Job description:

- You will generate, using a variety of methods, media coverage for the PES and you will respond to media enquiries effectively, accurately and quickly, ensuring that responses properly reflect our views;
- You will promote the awareness of PES and our activities amongst Brussels based media by developing strong communications channels;
- You will act as a link between journalists and the PES, maintaining good relationships with journalists and you will advise colleagues and the PES leadership on media relations;
- You will effectively monitor relevant media activity, and provide effective and timely advice to the PES leadership, including early warning of potential issues, in relation to media management;
- You will generate and advise on communications, newsletters and leaflets of the PES;

Your profile:

- You have a high degree of political awareness and commitment to the core values of the PES;
- You have experience working in communications or PR, ideally in a politically sensitive environment, and considerable knowledge of the media scene;
- You have solid knowledge of European decision-making process;
- You show a flexible approach to work in undertaking the duties and responsibilities of this job;
- You are a team-player with a high degree of motivation and pro-activeness;
- Your English is excellent (level C1 or better).


Offer:

- The opportunity to work in the context of European politics, in a multidisciplinary team and in a multicultural and multilingual environment;
- A full-time one year fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension;
- An attractive salary package, including meal-vouchers, hospitalization insurance, pension fund and full public transport reimbursement.

How to apply:

Please send your application letter, accompanied by a detailed CV attached to your email to the attention of Mr. Achim Post, Secretary General, by 17/08/2018. Your application should be submitted by email to the following address: hr@pes.eu. Mention the following in the subject field of your e-mail: **Press and Communications Officer**.

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