Vacancy Notice

The Party of European Socialists (PES) is recruiting for:

Press and Communications Assistant

Ahead of the European elections later this year, the Party of European Socialists is recruiting for a Press and Communications Assistant to join our Communications Team in Brussels. We are seeking a highly motivated and capable communications professional who is ready to make the most of this opportunity to fight for a progressive victory at the European elections.

The PES is a European political party. We bring together socialist, social democratic, democratic and labour parties in the European Union and its neighbourhood. We have 33 full member parties from the EU, the UK and Norway, as well as 13 associate and 16 observer parties.

United with our member parties and organisations, prime ministers, European Commissioners, party leaders, and activists, we fight for democracy, freedom, equality, peace and justice. From these fundamental values, we coordinate socialists and social democrats across the EU to deliver a more socially just and environmentally sustainable Europe for all.

The Press and Communications Assistant will provide press-focused communications support to the PES covering the 2024 European elections period, with the possibility of prolongation. Working across a range of topics, they will support the PES Communications Team to generate awareness and media coverage of the PES. This will include communications on the PES manifesto, the PES common candidate (Spitzenkandidat) and activity throughout the European elections campaign.

European politics is fast-paced and evolving, creating a dynamic working environment at the PES. This position will require a high degree of political awareness, attention to detail, and the ability to work under pressure.

Through this role, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to be directly involved at the highest level of progressive politics in Europe at a vital moment when voters decide the future direction of the EU.
Job description:

- You will support the PES Communications Team to effectively communicate the activities of the PES thoughts press release, web stories, newsletters and events.
- You will work with the PES Press and Communications Officer to build relations with relevant Brussels-based and national media.
- You will monitor relevant Brussels-based, national, and international media for the latest political developments. This will include following coverage of PES member parties and organisations, key PES figures, and other political actors.
- You will draft copy for PES communications and contribute ideas for PES communications, working alongside other members of the PES Communications Team.
- You will assist with the publication of content on the PES website and the distribution of PES newsletter.

Your profile:

- You have a high degree of political awareness and commitment to the core values of the PES, with a good understanding of the European political landscape and the upcoming elections.
- You share the values of the PES, and you are motivated to help build a more socially just, free and sustainable European Union.
- You have experience working in communications or journalism, ideally in a politically sensitive environment.
- You have a sound knowledge of website CMSs and email marketing tools.
- You are a highly motivated team player who can work effectively, creatively, and quickly, in line with the duties and responsibilities of this job.
- You have an excellent command of English (level C1 or better), with a flair for writing engaging copy. Knowledge of other EU languages is considered an asset.

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 6 months fixed-term contract, starting in January 2024 with an option for prolongment.

How to apply:

Prospective candidates must submit an application letter and CV by email to careers@pes.eu with PES.Communication@pes.eu in cc, with the email subject line Press and Communications Assistant. Your application letter should be addressed to Mr Giacomo Filibeck, PES Secretary General. The deadline for applications is 26.01.2024.

The PES promotes gender balance and equal opportunities for men and women and is subject to Belgian law.

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