



EU Affairs Manager

The Waterborne Technology Platform (WTP) is a European Technology Platform representing the entire waterborne sector. It brings together more than 130 members from across the full value and supply chain and fosters dialogue among a wide range of stakeholders, including shipowners, shipbuilders, equipment manufacturers, ports, classification societies, infrastructure and service providers, as well as universities and research institutes.

Waterborne TP provides policy guidance on research, development, innovation, and its deployment to the European Institutions. In addition to maintaining a continuous dialogue with the European Commission services, it coordinates the private side of the Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport under the Horizon Europe framework. This Partnership is aimed at developing and demonstrating zero-emission solutions for waterborne transport.

Waterborne is looking for an EU Affairs Manager to join the Secretariat on a full-time basis in Brussels.

Key responsibilities

- You will be responsible for the internal coordination of all our activities, as well as aligning these activities with the different European Commission Services
- Act as a key enabler, in close cooperation with the Coordinator, of the different activities of the Thematic Research Innovation Groups
- Facilitate the functioning of the different other bodies of the organisation
- Represent the Association in meetings with other stakeholders
- Contribute to the preparation of the Annual General Assembly, the Transport Research Arena, the Waterborne Days and all other relevant events and meetings
- Manage a variety of EU funded projects in the context of Horizon Europe
- Implement our communication strategy, both internally as well as externally

Qualifications

- A relevant university degree
- Strong understanding of the EU Institutions and the policy making process
- Excellent writing skills
- Effective communication and diplomacy skills
- Fluent in English, and at least one other European language
- Dynamic, showing autonomy, initiative and responsiveness
- Focused, task-oriented and able to meet deadlines
- Prepared to attend meetings abroad
- Able to adapt and work flexibly in a small team

What we offer

- An employment contract of indefinite duration, 38h/week
- A competitive salary in accordance with acquired experience
- Luncheon vouchers
- Pension insurance
- Public transport allowance
- *Subscription at a Belgian mobile phone provider*

Please send your CV and an accompanying letter in English detailing how your profile matches the requirements of this position to veronique.verhoeven@waterborne.eu by latest 16 January 2026.