

Junior Lawyer /Legal Expert

Energy & Environment Project Western Balkans

Job description

Job purpose

This is an exciting opportunity for a Junior Lawyer or Legal Expert to support the work RERI is undertaking in collaboration with ClientEarth's Energy Programme.

The objective of the Energy Programme is to use the law to accelerate Europe's transition to a low carbon future, as to ensure that Europe can meet its Paris Agreement obligations.

RERI uses legal tools to advance the energy transition in Serbia and the whole of the Western Balkans. It aims to advocate for a transition towards clean energy systems in the entire Western Balkan region, including Serbia, with significantly reduced environmental impact, including impacts on health, climate and biodiversity, reduce air pollution and strengthen the level of environmental democracy in Serbia.

Working relationships

The successful candidate will work for the Renewables and Environmental Regulatory Institute ('RERI'), legal environmental NGO based in Belgrade, Serbia. The Successful candidate will be located in RERI's Belgrade office.

As stated above, the successful candidate will mainly work to support the work RERI is undertaking in collaboration with ClientEarth's Energy Programme. This is will involve close co-ordination with both national and regional NGOs and networks working on energy related matters in both Serbia and the larger Western Balkan region.

Key responsibilities

- Conduct legal research and scoping activities in relation to limiting coal power generation and promoting cleaner energy alternatives in Serbia and the Western Balkans;
- Support on-going legal interventions (particularly in Serbia and the Western Balkans) including court and administrative procedures and international campaigns alike;
- Manage communication and coordinate activities with other WB environmental organisations, as well as with other lawyers, science and policy experts (as appropriate);
- Prepare high quality written work as part of legal interventions and policy advocacy, in both English and Serbian/BHS for example drafting complaints or legal memos, including written work products tailored to communicate our thinking to a wide variety of legal, policy, political, and civil society audiences;
- Edit, proof-read and translate legal documents;
- Attend team meetings and external meetings, as required. Support the development of the Energy programme in the Western Balkans, especially Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Location

This position will be based in RERI's Belgrade office. Occasional work off-premises will be considered, regular regional and international travel will be required.

Person Specification

Education and training

- A degree in law or legal studies (essential), Master level (desirable)
- A specialisation in environmental and/or energy law, European law and/or (international) environmental law (desirable)
- Fluency in both the English language as well as the Serbian/BHS Language (essential)

Experience & knowledge

- Experience of undertaking legal research in an academic or professional setting (essential)
- Experience in or knowledge of EU environmental and / or energy law and regulation, and/or of equivalent national laws in one of more Western Balkan countries (essential);
- Good knowledge of EU accession process (desirable)
- Considerable experience working in one or more of a law firm, government legal department, civil society organisation or equivalent (highly desirable);

Key competencies

- Ability to work as part of a dynamic, fast-paced legal team, with shifting and competing deadlines;
- A passion for the environmental protection and human rights issues;
- Superior written and oral communication skills to give authoritative advice and influence external audiences and to adapt language, content and style to make communications relevant to non-lawyer partners, campaigners, policy-makers and funders;
- Confident working with and assimilating complex technical, scientific, political and legal material;
- Ability to work both independently and in a team-oriented, collaborative manner within a multi-disciplinary and multicultural environment.

How to apply

Interested candidates should submit their CV and motivation letter (free form, both are required in English) by October 10th on the following email address: office@reri.org.rs with subject: **PRIJAVA_ime i prezime**

Only full applications (with CV and motivation letter in English) will be considered. All candidates will be informed about results (via email by 20 October) but only shortlisted will be invited to interview (Between 23 and 26 October).