

Senior Legal Adviser / Deputy Director General

Profile description

Eurofinas, the European Federation of Finance House Association, is looking for a Senior Legal Adviser, who will play a key role in supporting our 17 international members across Europe.

Who are we?

The mission of Eurofinas is to represent and promote the interests of its members at European level as the natural voice of the specialized consumer credit providers in Europe.

To achieve this Eurofinas:

- represents the specialised consumer credit industry vis-à-vis the European institutions and other international bodies as a fair and reliable partner and a contact point for key stakeholders;
- informs its members of all European and/or international developments that may impact their industry;
- develops and defends industry positions that are supported by technical research and expertise;
- produces detailed statistics on consumer credit in order to i) explain who the Federation represents and its importance in the economy and ii) assess the current state of the market, identify trends and facilitate benchmarking;
- provides its members with a platform to (i) exchange views and best practices; (ii) network and (iii) meet relevant third parties (EU officials, experts, etc.).

Your key responsibilities

- Work with the policy teams of the Member Associations of the Federation to formulate, develop, and promote the Federation's EU and International policies, and coordinate the lobbying, taking the lead when necessary on cross-cutting matters.
- Maintain and improve the Federation's contacts with key opinion-formers and decision-takers in the European Union, supervisors and regulators, in the EU institutions, other European federations, and in international bodies.
- Work closely together with counterparts in the sister Federation of Leaseurope.
- Maintain good relations with the membership of Eurofinas.
- Play a key role in the development of the Federation's strategy, priorities and structure.

Your management responsibilities

As Senior Legal Adviser & Deputy DG of Eurofinas, you will be reporting to the Director General of Eurofinas. You will also be responsible for:

- The direct supervision of a small policy team.

- Representing the Federation at the European Commission, the European Parliament, lobby organizations, Supervisory Authorities, Regulators, etc.... at the highest level.
- Presenting to the Board of Directors and the Policy Committees.
- Responsible for developing and executing the Eurofinas programme at the Annual Convention, under the supervision of the Annual Convention Manager.
- Keeping a smooth cooperation with sister Federation, Leaseurope, together with its Deputy DG.
- Planning/Organizing your yearly travelling requirements within the EU.

Your qualifications

- University degree in law and/or political science.
- Proven knowledge of banking and consumer law.

Knowledge and Experience required

- A proven track record of lobbying and public policy-making at EU level and/or national level.
- In depth understanding of the financial services sector.
- Knowledge of consumer credit is a must.
- A broad and deep understanding of the structure and workings of the European institutions in the banking sector and the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) and the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM).
- A good knowledge of i) international and European banking supervisory and prudential framework for lending institutions and ii) principal standards for conduct of business (product distribution, commercial practices and consumer protection). Understanding of data/security- related legal challenges an advantage.
- At least 10 years of professional experience.
- Knowledge of leasing is an asset (close working relationship with Leaseurope).

Personal skills

- Ability to present information and arguments in an articulate and persuasive manner in English (native speaker level) - Additional languages desirable.
- Excellent communication skills required.
- Provide guidance and motivation to Eurofinas staff to achieve the goals of the organisation.
- Attention to detail and accuracy.
- Diplomacy and political sensitivity, ability to reach a compromise between organisations with diverging interests or positions.
- Creativity, flexibility and entrepreneurship.
- Ability to function in a small team.

Interested? Send your resume together with a cover letter to Ms. Julie Debruyne, Office Manager – j.debruyne@eurofinas.org **by 12/01/2018**. Please mention in the subject of your e-mail “Eurofinas – Senior Legal Adviser / Deputy Director General)