

OPTA Europe, the association for organic processing and trade, is a young and fast growing organization, active since 2017. Our main focus is to be the voice of organic processing and trade in Europe to support a political and regulatory environment supportive of the growth of the organic market – just in line with the EU Commission’s goals of 25% organic in 2030.

We are an international network of market-leading organic processing and trading companies and interested stakeholders, like organic associations, research organizations and service-providers.

For more information on OPTA Europe, its members and the focus areas, please consult www.opta.bio

To realize our ambitions we are searching for an:

Association Manager

Your skills:

- Experienced in a professional association context (5 years+) - best in food and farming sector
- Personally oriented towards sustainability and organic food
- A bachelor or master degree or similar in a relevant discipline
- Able and willing to guide a company association
- Recognition as an expert of EU policy making and extensive knowledge of European food and farming policies, EU institutions and EU policy frameworks
- Extensive existing networks in organic sector and with EU institutions and Brussels based organisations
- A proactive, creative and innovative mindset with strong interpersonal skills
- Strong organisational and diplomatic skills, team player and service minded
- Complete fluency in English with excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Flexibility to represent OPTA in Brussels on a regular basis

OPTA Organic Processing and Trade Association

Your tasks:

- Become our representative in Brussels, the heart of the EU institutions and stakeholders
- Evaluate the political agenda and members needs to develop OPTA's strategy plan
- Inform OPTA's members about political developments and involve in the process of position building
- Represent OPTA in political dialogues and as official stakeholder of the law making process
- Prepare and moderate selected OPTA working groups
- Organize General Assemblies, board meetings and webinars
- Manage the communication for OPTA to members and targeted groups (via Newsletters, Website and Social media) with support of a Communication expert
- Acquisition of new members

What do we have to offer?

- Become part of the success of the organic sector in an organic-friendly political climate
- Run a high-level network of international leading companies, associations in organic and organic stakeholder organizations in Brussels.
- Supported by a team of professionals with many years of experience in the organic sector
- A good salary commensurate with experience
- Flexibility in working times and working days

Before the full responsibilities of the Association management function will be overhanded to you, a balanced transitional period will be applied for introduction and training. During this transitional period your function title will start as Vice-Association manager.

If you are interested to become part of the success of the organic processing and trade sector in Europe and have the potential skills to run the OPTA Association in the near future, please send your motivation letter and CV **before 1 OCTOBER** to: info@opta-eu.org

For further specific information about the new function, please contact Bavo van den Idsert, tel. +31-626160049.