



DUCC (the Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination Group, www.ducc.eu) is a platform of 11 European associations which represent “downstream” industries ranging from cosmetics and detergents to aerosols, paints, inks, toners, pressroom chemicals, adhesives and sealants, construction chemicals, fragrances, lubricants, crop protection and chemical distributors industries.

The group's main objective is to contribute, with a common voice, to the successful implementation of the requirements of the REACH and CLP Regulations.

DUCC, located in Brussels, is recruiting a new

DUCC Manager

Your responsibility

Act as the voice of 11 European associations representing “downstream” chemical industries on key topics related to chemicals legislation, the Green Deal and the green and digital transition of the chemicals industry.

- This is a role that requires the ability to engage with different “downstream user” stakeholders part of the DUCC network, actively listen to concerns/ priorities/ solutions and thus establish positions that are well representative of the full landscape of DUCC members.
- It also involves making connections with external stakeholders: industry, authorities, NGOs, academia etc. To communicate and inform the DUCC positions.

Your main activities

The DUCC manager reports to the full DUCC membership, represented by the DUCC Heads of Associations, in close liaison with the DUCC Chair. Your tasks include:

- Help define DUCC annual strategic priorities.
- Coordinate input from DUCC experts, negotiate common positions and seek consensus from members on decisions.
- Balance of technical projects (e.g. digital communication in the supply chain) and more high-level visionary projects (e.g. future role of policy in chemicals substitution).
- Communicate and arbitrate between industry and positions of stakeholders.
- Liaise and build a network with wide variety of stakeholders.
- Take initiatives and show leadership to advance DUCC priorities.
- Advocate DUCC positions in working groups at EU Commission level including expert groups on Chemical Regulation (CARACAL), Helsinki Chemicals Forum, High level round table for the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability.
- Run DUCC Task Forces and groups designated for specific issues.
- Draft industry position papers/letters/ guidance documents, presentations.
- Organise and manage DUCC events.
- Monitoring regulatory developments (e.g. Competent Authority meetings, ECHA, Commission etc.)
- Informing and providing support to members.

Your profile

- You can organize and coordinate several projects.
- Ability to prioritize different tasks and flexibility.
- Balance of technical competences and soft skills.
- Creative problem solving.
- Good writing and communication skills with an excellent command of English.
- Ability to actively listen and understand member needs and concerns.
- Strong communication skills.
- Experience in a similar position.
- A background in science or regulatory affairs.
- Appropriate knowledge of the legislation relevant for the sector, in particular REACH, CLP.
- Good knowledge of the chemical industry sector and the European Institutions.
- Good knowledge of IT tools (Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Excel)

Competences that are a plus:

- Background of scientific basis is helpful.
- Knowledge of EU languages beyond English.
- Knowledge of the “downstream user” industries represented by DUCC.
- Experience using social media (LinkedIn, X/twitter, others).

Benefits

An attractive package will be offered to the candidate.

This is a position that can offer a lot of independence, and ownership. It is always key to keep the interests of DUCC members as priority, but there is a lot of creativity with regards to the paths to take.

Your submission

Please send your application (CV and motivation letter) by **20 February 2024**, to Kristel Ons (k.ons@feica.eu), DUCC Heads of Associations convenor, FEICA Secretary General.

By sending your CV for the purpose of applying, you understand and agree that said CV and the personal information contained herein or that you shall provide during the selection process (interviews, e-mails, etc.) shall be processed by the association(s) with a view to assess your candidacy for the open positions as well as building a recruitment reserve for future positions. Such processing is justified by the legitimate interest of the association(s). The data shall not be held longer than necessary and in any case not more than one year. [Unless if hired, your CV shall be held in the data base to your employment]. You have the right to obtain without any costs and at any time access to your personal data. You have the right to file a complaint to the data privacy commission. You hereby certify that the data are accurate and consent to the extent allowed by law to a pre-employment background check by the association(s) and seeking references to confirm the data provided.