The Consumer Voice in Europe

The European Consumer Organisation is looking for a motivated

**Trainee in the area of food safety**

BEUC has a membership of 41 well respected, independent national consumer organizations from 31 European countries. BEUC acts as the umbrella group in Brussels for these organisations and our main task is to represent our members and defend the interests of all Europe’s consumers.

**The tasks of the position shall include:**

- Monitoring key developments at EU level on food safety issues;
- Helping develop position papers and briefing on food safety issues;
- Conducting specific research on topics related to food safety;
- Attending conferences and meetings on food safety organized by the EU institutions and other stakeholders.

**The successful applicant should:**

- Have a strong interest in food safety issues;
- Be a graduate student preferably in food sciences, food technology, veterinary, or similar;
- Have the ability to write and communicate very well in English;
- Have the ability to work independently and as part of an international team;
- A good knowledge of the EU institutions would be an advantage.

**Internship period:**

6 months

**Starting date:**

At the latest 15 March 2016

**We offer:**

- A multidisciplinary and multicultural working environment within an organization dedicated to the promotion of consumers rights;
- Networking opportunities with numerous organisations and the EU institutions;
- A stipend of about €750 per month;
- 12 days off;
- Work insurance;
- Public transport pass within Brussels during your internship period.

Applications for the post should be sent before January 31 by e-mail to apply@beuc.eu with subject line: **Trainee in the area of food safety**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.
Your application should include the following documents:

1. **A short motivation letter**
2. **A detailed curriculum-vitae**
3. In a separate file, **answers to the following questions**:
   - Why would you like to work at BEUC?
     - Briefly explain the main reasons that motivate you to work at BEUC, using maximum 150 words.
   - Why should BEUC appoint you?
     - Tell us why you think we should appoint you above other candidates, using maximum 150 words.
   - What are the main challenges for consumers with regard to food safety?
     - Using maximum 150 words.

Any incomplete application will be disregarded.