

AMR Project Officer | Job description & person specification

Job title	AMR Project Officer
Location	Brussels
Reports to	Safer Pharma Programme Manager
Hours	<p>Full-time contract (38 hours per week).</p> <p>HCWH Europe offers a 9-day fortnight, where each employee gets an extra-legal holiday every second Friday. We are currently trialling a four-day week (8h/day) to aid productivity and support a better work-life balance.</p>
Salary and benefits	<p>Salary: €2,600-2,841 gross/month</p> <p>HCWH Europe offers additional benefits such as: nine-day fortnight working schedule, meal vouchers, monthly travel support, home-working stipend, hospitalisation insurance, holiday payment, and a 13-month salary.</p>
Deadline to apply	<p>Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until 20/01/2024.</p> <p>HCWH Europe reserves the right to close the application process upon selection of a suitable candidate; early applications are therefore encouraged.</p>

Position overview

Reporting to the Safer Pharma Programme Manager, the AMR Project Officer will support our safer pharmaceuticals-related project work, ensuring high-quality implementation of the programme's projects and deliverables.

The successful candidate will take the lead in coordinating the activities of the [AMR-EDUCare project](#). This project aims to develop educational materials for healthcare professionals in 6 EU countries (Greece, Hungary, Portugal, Italy, Spain and Lithuania) to reduce the spread of and exposure to antimicrobial resistance (AMR). To achieve this goal, we will develop three courses on optimising antimicrobial prescribing, reducing and managing antimicrobial waste, and

empowering patients through effective communication. The project aims to train more than 4,000 professionals in Europe.

In addition to the coordination of activities for the AMR-EDUCare project, the candidate will contribute to the implementation of other projects focusing on tackling AMR, and support the overall Safer Pharma programme's projects and policy activities.

The ideal candidate has experience in managing project consortia and engaging different stakeholders. They will have excellent project management skills, are well-organised, have attention to detail, and can multitask. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone passionate about sustainability who wants to make a real impact in the fight against pharmaceutical pollution and AMR.

Key responsibilities

1. Coordinate the work with a multistakeholder consortium of 11 partners in the development of training materials on AMR for doctors, pharmacists, nurses and health managers.
2. Coordinate the working groups of healthcare professionals to ensure the quality, relevance and adaptability of the materials developed, including ensuring a strong environmental perspective.
3. Support the Pharmacists for Greener Healthcare network and help develop new resources.
4. Contribute to the production of deliverables in the framework of other projects targeting pharmaceutical pollution.
5. Contribute to the environmental policy work of the Safer Pharma Programme in different fields (AMR, pharmaceutical pollution, animal welfare...). This may include joining working groups with like-minded stakeholders, including environmental, human health and animal health organisations.
6. Lead on the creation, together with the communications team, of resources on pharmaceutical pollution and AMR (factsheet, infographic, webinar, social media cards), targeted at health professionals and the general public.
7. Support the activities of the MEP Interest Group on AMR.
8. Participate in conferences, meetings, and events within Europe and internationally as required.
9. Support event planning where needed.
10. Carry out any other duties that may reasonably be required in the light of the main purpose of the job.

Line reports

The Safer Pharma Projects officer will report to the Safer Pharma programme manager.

Qualifications and experience

- Minimum of 3 years' experience.
- University/higher education degree in a relevant field such as environmental sciences, global/public health, pharmacy, or European policy.
- Strong interest in environmental issues and the One Health approach.
- Experience leading activities within the framework of EU-funded projects.
- Previous knowledge and/or experience in AMR and pharmaceutical pollution will be highly valued.

Knowledge, skills, and abilities

- Fluent English (verbal and written) is mandatory for this role; working knowledge of other European languages would be an advantage.
- Excellent project management skills.
- Confident operating in an international context.
- Ability to think strategically and creatively while organising time efficiently.
- Strong multitasking abilities, managing multiple, often tight deadlines.
- Dynamic, highly motivated and self-organised with the ability to take initiatives and follow them through, achieving clear, measurable results.
- Experience developing training for healthcare professionals would be an asset.

How to apply

To apply for this position please send an email to jobseurope@hcwh.org following these steps:

1. Include your last name at the beginning of the subject line
i.e. *LAST NAME AMR Projects Officer*
2. Attach your CV and cover letter explaining your motivation for the position
Please include your last name at the beginning of the filenames in Word or pdf format
3. Please let us know where you found the position advertised and when you would be able to start.

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Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

About Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe

HCWH Europe is a non-profit organisation that works to transform healthcare worldwide, so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice.

HCWH has offices in Europe, US, and Asia, as well as a global team that works across all regions. We work closely with health professionals, hospitals, healthcare systems, NGOs, local government, ministries of health and international organisations. HCWH Europe is active in 27 countries of the WHO Euro region and has a growing number of members. The European office is located in Brussels. For more information, visit: www.noharm-europe.org

Our Safer Pharma Programme

The healthcare sector needs to lead a change in the way we produce, use and dispose of medicines. That means pushing for safer, non-toxic drugs to be developed. It means concerted action to ensure drugs, including antibiotics, are only ever prescribed when truly needed. It means pressuring manufacturers to reduce pharmaceutical waste and educating patients to dispose of drugs safely. The more drugs end up in our environment, the greater the harm to fragile ecosystems and the greater the risk of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) .

With an expected increase in medicine consumption in Europe due to a higher demand from ageing populations and a general growing dependence on pharmaceutical drugs, pharmaceuticals are a priority area from an environmental health perspective.

The majority of pharmaceutical residues from industry production end up in wastewater treatment facilities. At present, most wastewater treatment facilities are not able to completely degrade or retain these substances, the remainder, may find its way into rivers or agriculture fields causing permanent damage to especially sensitive organisms.

The healthcare sector is undertaking numerous upstream initiatives globally to reduce the harmful effects of pharmaceutical residues. These include encouraging pharmaceutical companies to green their production methods and to achieve a one-step disposal, where drugs are fully metabolised in the body and break down immediately in the environment to harmless, informing patients about safe disposal methods for unused or expired medicines and by reducing prescribing, and choosing the least environmental-hazardous medicines.