

Communications Officer (maternity cover)

Deadline for applications: 7 February 2026

Start date: As soon as possible

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Contract duration: 1 year (maternity leave cover), with possibilities for extension

About ECL

The [Association of European Cancer Leagues \(ECL\)](https://www.ecl.eu) is a non-profit umbrella organisation, bringing together 35 national and regional cancer leagues advocating for improved cancer control and care across Europe. Our vision is a Europe free of cancer.

Our members are trusted, non-profit cancer organisations providing the public and patients with essential information, support and care. We do not accept any support from the tobacco industry or any other companies which produce products that are deemed harmful to health.

About the position

ECL is looking to recruit a motivated, creative and detail-orientated Communications Officer to join our team in Brussels and support our wide-ranging communications activities during a maternity leave cover.

In this role, you will help shape and deliver strategic communications campaigns that support EU decision-making on cancer prevention and care. As ECL's Communications Officer, you will co-lead the implementation of ECL's communications strategy and contribute to activities to increase the visibility and impact of cancer societies across Europe.

The Communications Officer will report directly to ECL's Executive Director and work closely with ECL's policy and projects teams.

Please note: this is a fixed-term position for one year with the potential for extension.

Key responsibilities

1. Strategic communications and media work:

- Contribute to the development and delivery of impactful communication campaigns that amplify ECL's work to reduce the burden of cancer in Europe.
- Oversee the implementation of ECL's communications strategy and branding.
- Draft and pitch press releases to European and national media to secure high-level coverage.
- Produce engaging content, including opinion pieces, social media content and blogs to promote ECL's core messages to a varied audience.
- Liaise with external service providers and designers to create visually engaging reports, microsites, and other digital content.
- Track communications outputs and assess impact across channels.

2. Event management:

- Assist in the organisation of online and in-person events, webinars, and workshops.
- Support the organisation of ECL's flagship initiatives, including the European Week Against Cancer, the European Conference on Tobacco or Health, and the ECL Youth Ambassadors Programme.

3. Membership engagement:

- Edit and co-produce ECL's bi-monthly internal newsletter for members.
- Support the organisation of the ECL Annual Meetings and other member-focused activities.

Who we are looking for

Required:

- University degree and/or relevant experience in communications, journalism, marketing, public relations, European studies, or political science.
- Preferably at least 4-5 years of professional experience in communications-related roles.

- Excellent written and spoken English.
- Proven ability to plan and deliver successful communication campaigns, including pitching press releases and engaging social media content.

Desired:

- Experience working for a membership-based, non-profit organisation and/or the public health sector.
- Good understanding of the functioning of EU institutions, EU policymaking processes, and EU-funded projects.
- Willingness to travel abroad on occasion.

What we offer

- A one-year, full-time contract (maternity leave cover), with possibilities for extension.
- A competitive salary and extra benefits (meal vouchers, five additional extra-legal vacation days, additional time off during the end-of-year holidays, partial homeworking and homeworking allowance, and a mobility budget).
- A hybrid work environment, with possibilities to work from home several days per week and from another EU country for limited number of weeks a year.

How do I apply?

Send an email to vacancy@cancer.eu with the subject line 'Application - Communications Officer'. We kindly ask all applicants to share their CV (with two professional references), a letter of motivation, and two examples of successful communication campaigns you produced (for example, a social media campaign, a press release, or an opinion piece).

The deadline for applications is 7 February 2026.

Please note that all applicants must be qualified, eligible, and able to work in Belgium. ECL cannot provide financial assistance to relocate to Brussels, nor administrative support for a work permit.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within two weeks following the deadline for applications. Due to the high number of expected applications, kindly note that we are unable to provide individual feedback.