

Principal Consultant – EU Health & Life Sciences Policy

Ecorys is one of Europe's leading research and consultancy organisations specialising in economic, social and spatial development. For over 90 years we've been bridging the gap between science and practice helping clients with rigorous analysis inspiring ideas and practical solutions for complex policy and management challenges.

Our Rotterdam office is home to around 100 highly qualified consultants working with both public and private sector clients, nationally and internationally.

Role

We are looking for a **Principal Consultant – EU Health & Life Sciences Policy** to lead and grow our EU health portfolio. In this role, you will work at the forefront of EU policymaking in areas such as pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical technologies, and the bioeconomy.

Based in our **Rotterdam office** (or another Ecorys EU location), you will lead high-impact policy studies, evaluations, and impact assessments for clients including the **European Commission**, **European Parliament**, and EU agencies such as **EMA** and **ECDC**.

You will combine **thought leadership, project delivery, and business development**, taking responsibility for winning new work, managing large EU projects and frameworks, and ensuring excellent analytical quality. You will also play a key role in developing people, strengthening client relationships, and shaping the strategic direction of our EU health portfolio.

What you will do

- Lead EU policy projects in health and life sciences, including evaluations and impact assessments.
- Advise EU institutions with robust, evidence-based policy and regulatory analysis.
- Drive business development and build long-term relationships across the EU policy landscape.
- Grow and position our EU health portfolio in existing and emerging markets.
- Mentor of multidisciplinary project teams and possibly manage consultants.
- Oversee quality, budgets, and commercial performance.
- Contribute to knowledge sharing, innovation, and staff development across Ecorys.
- Collaborate closely with colleagues across our European offices.

Your profile

- 10+ years' experience in research consultancy, including 5+ years in EU health and life sciences policy.
- A strong record in winning and managing EU contracts, including tenders and framework contracts.
- Proven expertise in one or more of the following areas: pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical technologies, or the bioeconomy.
- Experience leading international, multidisciplinary teams and delivering complex EU projects.
- Solid methodological expertise in evaluations and impact assessments under the Better Regulation Guidelines.
- Confidence in client and stakeholder engagement across the EU policy landscape.
- A Master's degree or higher.
- Excellent English (additional EU languages are a plus).
- A strategic, entrepreneurial mindset with a drive to grow business, develop talent, and deliver impact.

What We Offer

At Ecorys, you'll join an international organisation with highly motivated professionals working on key societal challenges. We provide a stimulating and flexible work environment where your ideas and growth are valued.

- A competitive salary, depending on experience
- A high degree of freedom and flexibility with hybrid working (up to two days remote per week)
- An open culture that welcomes new ideas and collaboration
- 30 days of annual leave with the option to buy or sell days
- Development opportunities through training and knowledge sharing

- A modern, collaborative office in Rotterdam with an informal, social atmosphere

Interested?

Apply directly via our online application form with your most recent CV (a cover letter is optional).

Would you like to know more first? Contact us at recruitment@ecorys.com