About Positive Money Europe:
Positive Money Europe (PMEU) is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to make the money and banking system support a fair, democratic and sustainable economy. We are the leading campaign group scrutinizing the activities of the European Central Bank (ECB) and running campaigns and advocacy in the field of monetary policy, Eurozone economic governance and sustainable finance.

Positive Money Europe operates as the European counterpart organisation to Positive Money UK, a fast-growing London-based organisation pursuing the same mission in the UK. Following our successful “Quantitative easing for People” campaign targeting the ECB, in May 2018 we launched Positive Money Europe.

Since 2018, we have created a strong and diverse network of experts, politicians and influencers who want to support our mission. We have established ourselves as a credible advocacy group on topics related to the ECB. For example, we provide regular comments in the media (including Reuters, Bloomberg, Le Monde, and the Financial Times). We release policy reports and hold events to propel debate on key and pressing issues. Throughout our work with Members of the European Parliament, we successfully pushed the European Central Bank to take climate change seriously and start looking at alternative policies.

Positive Money Europe is well connected with the community of NGOs and academics working on the field of finance, climate and EU macroeconomic policy. We share our office with Finance Watch in Brussels and have established multiple partnerships with other nonprofits organisations across Europe.

About the role:
As Policy & Research officer in the Positive Money Europe team, you will be in charge of delivering an ambitious research agenda of ECB reforms, with a particular focus on the role of the European Central Bank for climate change. You will produce in-house research while also managing research projects with external partners. You will work closely with the advocacy officer to produce policy briefings or to accompany them in lobbying meetings. You will provide the team with accurate facts and evidence, making sure our campaign messaging and proposals are based on rigorous research.

About you:

- You’ll have a strong research background, including some economics research.
- You will have published work demonstrating research and writing ability. You are a clear, creative thinker with developed influencing skills, who can build relationships with and influence key players across academia, and the private and public sectors.
● You are able to work in an open-minded way, understanding the complexity of the money and finance system, and being open to different schools of thought.
● You are innovative and able to think outside of the box to help Positive Money Europe keep ahead of the curve.
● You are able to learn quickly and understand the core issues behind economic and monetary debates in the Eurozone context.
● Ideally you would have some knowledge or be keen to learn in the areas of central banking, banking reform, and sustainable finance.
● You enjoy working in a collaborative and dynamic environment where team members bounce ideas off each other.
● You want your research to have impact and are able to work with others to make that happen.
● You have strong project management skills, and understand the importance of working to deadlines.
● You are happy to take advice and direction from colleagues working in other work programmes, such as advocacy or campaigning and media, in order to see how your work can contribute to our policy and campaigning work.

**Key responsibilities and main tasks**

● Work with the Executive Director to develop Positive Money Europe’s research strategy.
● Be accountable for the management and delivery of research projects from start to finish, including with external consultants or partners.
● Write research reports & briefings on a range of money and banking reform topics, as well as other research outputs.
● Write blogs, and input into Positive Money’s other programmes such as policy briefings or newsletters.
● Represent Positive Money Europe externally – to a range of different audiences and stakeholders, including to our supporter and civil society network and within policy and academic communities.
● Collaborate with other members of the team to write funding proposals when required.
● Monitor developments in EU institutions, banking industry and in Eurozone monetary policy and key Eurozone statistics.
● Ensure that the Positive Money’s proposals remain relevant to external changes in the economy, policy, regulation, technology, and politics.
● Engage external researchers in our research agenda (including university academics, PhD candidates, central bankers, regulators and professionals within the financial sector).
● Ensure we have an active and engaged Advisory board.
Person Specification

Essential experience and skills

- Fluency in English (both written and spoken)
- Minimum of 2 years experience working as a researcher, economist or policy officer
- Masters or PhD desirable but not essential if other evidence of research ability can be demonstrated.
- Strong quantitative and analytical skills
- Excellent communication skills, especially the ability to write in a concise and persuasive style using formats appropriate to the audience
- Willingness and ability to provide commentary on policy developments, often under tight deadlines
- Strong knowledge of current Eurozone economic policy and political developments
- A passion for alternative thinking and problem solving
- High degree of initiative
- Proven project management skills.
- Experience in managing multi-stakeholder research projects is desirable.
- Attention to detail
- Commitment to a genuinely open minded approach to economics and economic policy and a keen interest in how changes to the structure of the banking system and monetary policy could help to address a wide range of economic, social, and environmental problems.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to work with external researchers.

Values and behaviours:

- Be self-reflective with a high degree of empathy and self-awareness
- Be committed to our vision for a fair, democratic, and sustainable money system
- Enjoy working with a high level of autonomy, trust, and open-mindedness
- Be committed to working in an innovative and collaborative way
- Friendly and professional manner
- High degree of maturity and able to respond positively in pressured situations
- Ability to work well alone or within a team, as required, and be self-motivated
- Ability to multi-task and manage interruptions
Terms and Conditions

Contract: Full-time temporary employment contract. (4 days part-time negotiable)
Period: Initial fixed term of one year, with four month probation period, renewable upon performance
Reporting to: the Executive Director of Positive Money Europe
Hours: 38 hours a week, the post holder would be expected to work on occasional evenings or weekends for time off in lieu.
Holiday: 24 days plus Belgium national holidays
Remuneration: EUR 30-36k gross annual salary depending on experience, plus 4.5% supplementary pension scheme.
Location: Brussels (or working from home depending on the Coronavirus crisis development)
Start date: Ideally June 2020 or later depending on candidates availabilities

Application Process

Please fill in the application form available here and send it by email to recruitment@positivemoney.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 11th May at 8 am CET

Interviews: will take place by teleconference during the week of May 18th 2020.

Positive Money is committed to providing equal opportunities for everyone regardless of their background. We welcome applications from everyone irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, disability and ethnicity but, as women and Black, Asian and minority ethnic people are currently under-represented within the Positive Money network, we would encourage applications from members of these groups.