

# key2advance

## An internship with Valia

<b>Exclusive to BSIS students?</b>	Exclusive (Only BSIS students contacted)
<b>Starting and ending date</b>	October – December (three months, either full-time or part-time with the option to prolong if both sides agree)
<b>Position</b>	Public Affairs Intern (remote)
<b>Application deadline</b>	Rolling, ASAP
<b>Is it remunerated?</b>	No
<b>Are the other forms of compensation</b>	Compensation in form of a voucher. The position can be either full-time or part-time.

### About us

Valia is a Brussels-based boutique agency providing EU public affairs services to organisations championing progressive policies and striving for social change. We specialise in creating impactful advocacy strategies at EU and member state level across a wide range of policy areas, including climate change, global health, hunger, education, disinformation, corporate transparency and development finance.

Current and previous clients include Global Citizen, UNICEF, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Pandemic Action Network, Global Witness, Avaaz, AGRA, Theirworld, Wellcome Trust, UNAIDS, WaterAid and more.

Valia's Director & Founder, Valentina Barbagallo is a politically-savvy advocate with a decade of experience working with government, civil society, international organisations and the private sector at the EU level. Her past experience includes leading The ONE Campaign's EU policy & advocacy team and working in the Ambassador's team at the Italian Permanent Representation to the EU during the Italian Presidency

**Position description**

The EU Public Affairs Intern will provide support across our areas of interest and client work, with a particular focus on projects in the field of climate change and global health. This is an exciting opportunity to be thrown in at the deep end in a dynamic small team, quickly develop skills across research, writing, advocacy & campaigns, and contribute to drive social impact. The position offers a rare and unique exposure into the world of consultancy, NGOs and international organisations, across a wide range of policy areas, and national, European and international arenas. The right candidate has an entrepreneurial personality, a hands-on and practical approach, and enjoys the challenge of regularly switching between topics, tasks and clients.

**Responsibilities**

- Monitor EU current affairs and developments in sectors of interest for the consultancy (particularly climate change, global health and international development issues)
- Monitor parliamentary processes, hearings and other EU and Member States institutional work
- Attend external events and conferences, taking notes and reporting back
- Provide research and analysis on policy and advocacy issues as required
- Draft briefings and speaking points relating to sectors of interest for the consultancy
- Keep contact databases up to date
- Provide general administrative support and other tasks as required

**Skills and qualifications**

- Previous experience in an EU institution, public affairs agency or advocacy organisation is a plus
- Interest and understanding of the EU political landscape
- Knowledge of the international development sector, climate change and/or global health (preferred)
- Excellent English writing and editing skills, fluency in French is a plus
- Outstanding attention to detail and accuracy
- Excellent analytical skills
- Comfortable working under pressure and tight deadlines
- Flexibility and ability to juggle several projects at once
- Proactive, can-do attitude

**Who you can address your letter to**

Valentina Barbagallo, Director & Founder