

Balanced Economy Project Network Coordinator

Part Time, 2 days/week, 6 month contract

About the Balanced Economy Project

The Balanced Economy Project is a new non-partisan, non-profit anti-monopoly organisation dedicated to offering a hub for competition law expertise and thought leadership, dedicated to building a broader anti-monopoly movement outside the United States. We are setting up a cross-border network of experts and activists to drive forward a new narrative about re-balancing our economies through tackling excessive concentrations of corporate power.



Job Description

As Network Coordinator you will join us at a crucial early stage of our development as we start to form a network to drive forward a nascent anti-monopoly movement in Europe and beyond. You will work with key partners to shape the future form and scope of a network hosted, initially, by the Balanced Economy Project. You will work to identify the network's objectives, strategy, geographic scope, appropriate network platforms, constituencies, and the needs of a varied set of stakeholders. You will also help scope and begin to build the infrastructure to support this network in the future.

You will join us as a key member of a small, dynamic team. You would potentially work with a wide range of partners in different sectors, across the political spectrum, including non-profit organisations, small businesses, politicians, journalists, regulators and others.

The initial core focus of the network will be Big Tech and broader Anti-Monopoly.

This is an exciting, fast-moving area, and our work is already in great demand. This role is ideal for someone with a few years' work experience, who is strongly self-motivated, already interested in the issues, shares our mission, and likes a challenge.

This role is offered on a consultancy contract basis for six months, potentially extendable up to a year. The work would be remote / from home, though there may be opportunities to travel to work with colleagues in London, Berlin or Amsterdam. The role is two days per week. This is funded by [SOMO](#), which will also support the role with its extensive network-building expertise.

*Note: We are also seeking an **Operations Manager** for 1-2 days per week. This is being advertised separately. We would be open to applicants who want to apply for both roles in combination, or separately. If you are interested in both roles, please specify this in your application and outline how you can fulfil both sets of job requirements.*

We Offer

- An exciting role at the forefront of a nascent international movement with ambitions to radically rebalance excessive concentrations of economic power, worldwide.
- The chance to shape a new organisation and network.
- An informal, family-friendly working environment in a small organisation.
- The possibility to work remotely and flexibly. (Please let us know your preferences).
- A six month consultancy contract, renewable up to one year.
- A contract rate of € 300 per day for two days a week.

Main Responsibilities: network co-ordinator

- Cultivate and develop an ad hoc network already in place: connect experts to NGOs and activists; Senior Advisers to the work of the Balanced Economy Project; etc.
- Engage with potential partners (NGOs, experts / academics, activists, journalists) from Europe and further afield to identify what role the network could best play in building and growing an anti-monopoly movement.
- Map potential constituencies for participation in the network or parts of it (e.g. the steering committee / secretariat, Senior Advisers, working groups, other networks).
- Develop the strategy for the network, in consultation with partners, both for movement-building and in terms of the network's relationship with Balanced Economy Project workstreams.
- Begin to shape and build the membership, governance rules, and practical infrastructure of the network, for future development.
- Organise network-building activities, as needed: for example an initial convening of key stakeholders; quarterly meetings for activists; monthly meetings for knowledge sharing; creation of a network newsletter and distribution systems for Balanced Economy Project outputs, and publicising relevant activities of network participants.
- Serve as facilitator, organiser, host and spokesperson for the Balanced Economy Project in relation to network activities at external events.

Key Requirements

- Essential skills include:
 - Self-motivation and a social-entrepreneurial attitude. You will need strong interpersonal skills, and good verbal and written communications skills.
 - You must be comfortable reaching out to cold and warm contacts, advocating for the network, working with varied partners and managing multiple workstreams and leads. You will be good at multi-tasking, and prioritising.
 - You must be prepared to co-develop a vision for success for the network with other team members and be able to translate that vision into nuts-and-bolts tasks to bring the network into existence.
 - You must be comfortable working with colleagues in a fast-moving start-up environment with emerging strategy and management systems.
 - You will need excellent command of English language as a working language.
 - Interest in and some familiarity with the new anti-monopoly paradigm, ideally with some knowledge of competition policy and/or political economics.
- Desirable attributes include:
 - Experience of the NGO environment.
 - Experience forming or coordinating networks or similar (e.g. organising large meetings; advocacy; managing and organising information, people and projects.)
 - Other languages (French, German, Spanish are particularly useful).
 - The focus of network growth is initially Europe/EU; our ideal candidate would be based in the EU, and in or near the CET/GMT time zones.

Interested?

Please email a short letter of interest (in English) and a CV to Michelle Meagher, Co-Founder, Balanced Economy Project balanced.economy.jobs@gmail.com

The ideal start date is in May 2022, but we would have some flexibility on timing. Please apply by Wednesday April 13th, 2022.