

# Executive Director, Public Affairs WEC

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## Summary

"We're a team of dedicated and smart people united by a drive to achieve together"

The ED, Public Affairs WEC (Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Nordics) will spearhead policy thought leadership for the WEC cluster, staying ahead of emerging trends and aligning with cross-functional teams to drive local and regional policy priorities in WEC cluster countries. The role entails fostering collaboration between countries, providing strategic guidance, and executing advocacy initiatives tailored to the cluster's needs. Building strong networks with stakeholders will be crucial in advancing Novartis' objectives across the region.

## About the Role

### Key Responsibilities

- Represent Public Affairs in International WEC LT
- Drive policy thought leadership for Novartis in WEC cluster countries on key areas, aligned with overall Region Europe PA policy priorities
- Proactively monitor emerging policy and regulatory topics across the cluster
- Partner and align with cross-functional partners (e.g. V&A, patient advocacy, communications, medical, healthcare systems) to drive RE policy priorities locally
- Align with direct reporting countries (AU, BE, NL, PO, Nordics) on local policy priorities and interface with WEC cluster country PA leads to calibrate local view and inputs on key policy areas
- Work in close alignment with WEC cluster countries PA leads and provide leadership on key issues in WEC cluster and strategic country plans
- Align with regional PA Portfolio Advocacy leads to drive regional and local execution of advocacy activities in the WEC cluster
- Build and maintain strong network and partnerships with defined stakeholders across the WEC cluster

### Essential Requirements

- Extensive experience in Public Affairs and/or other corporate functions in a pharmaceutical company
- Proven track record of impactful public affairs, policy, strategy and/or commercial roles at country, regional and/or global levels
- Strong understanding of the legislative environment in the EU and key national markets.
- Experience in crisis and issues management
- Strong communication skills to convey advocacy contents clearly and facilitate alignment among stakeholders across the organisation
- Ability to work across different parts of the organisation, build networks and share information with key stakeholders

- Critical thinking, predictive and enterprise mindset and outcome-focused performance management

## Desirable Requirements

- Master's degree (e.g. MSc) / University Diploma or equivalent in relevant discipline

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Division

Corporate Affairs

Business Unit

Corporate

Location

Switzerland

Site

Basel (City)

Company / Legal Entity

C010 (FCRS = CH010) Novartis International AG

Functional Area

Communications & Public Affairs

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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