

## FRIENDS EUROPE COUNTRY ADVOCACY LEAD – ITALY

### PART TIME CONSULTANCY

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#### **About Friends Europe**

Created in April 2005, Friends of the Global Fund Europe (FGFE) is a non-profit organization which advocates for the Global Fund, the fight against HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and Malaria and more broadly Global health towards European decision makers. We cover 6 European countries - France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, Spain – as well as the European Commission which are long-lasting contributors to the Global Fund.

Friends Europe is governed by a board of directors composed of 19 high level personalities, from Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, the UK, advised in their work by an Advisory Committee, composed of 5 recognized experts from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the UK.

The members of our governance are distinguished by a long-standing commitment to the fight against the three diseases and to the Global Fund, expressed through high level political or scientific responsibilities in their own countries, within the European Union institutions, or international organizations.

They are directly involved in the development of our policy positions and in our advocacy activities at national or Pan-European levels.

Friends Europe's operations are steered by a light Secretariat – 4 FTEs - based in Paris that provides administrative and logistic support as well as expertise in global health policies and communications to 4 national advocacy officers respectively based in Berlin, Brussels, Paris and Rome.

Our organization allows us to develop the necessary decentralized approach to adapt to the diversity of the local institutions and political contexts, while carrying a pan-European vision that strengthens the impact of our advocacy.

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#### **Friends Europe in Italy**

Active in Italy since its inception, FGFE has played a major role in the trans partisan mobilization of public decision-makers and academics in the fight against the three diseases and more broadly in global health. The organization has also been able to build links with the media to regularly raise awareness of these topics among a wide audience, for example by organizing press trips to the conferences of the International Aids Society, which bring together global actors in the fight against AIDS every two years.

As outstanding examples of its impact, we can highlight Friends Europe's continued work, which led to Italy's return to the Global Fund's donor table in 2014, following its withdrawal in 2010, or, in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, the key role of our Italian members in the preparation of the Italian G20 and its work on global health, leading in particular to a strengthened understanding and ownership by representatives of the Ministry of Finance of the fight against pandemics.

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#### **Job Profile**

Under the double supervision of the Italian members of FGFE in Italy, especially its Vice President, and the Executive Director of Friends in Europe, based in Paris, the consultant will undertake the following tasks:

**1. Providing support in the development and implementation of the national political advocacy strategy:**

- Contributing to the development of an appropriate national advocacy strategy in Italy under the direction of the Vice-Chair in charge of Italy and the Executive Director of Friends of the Global Fund Europe.
- Providing assistance to the Vice-Chair in charge of Italy in all aspects of his role.
- Identifying potential partners in the country, developing the network of Global Fund supporters and building partnerships/alliances with key stakeholders.
- Conducting advocacy on Friends of the Global Fund Europe's key priorities for Italy and meeting with high-level stakeholders including senior political leaders and Government offices in charge of the Global Fund.

**2. Developing political advocacy materials and implementing advocacy events:**

- Providing contents and producing materials for key advocacy, communications (including website) and media purposes on Friends of the Global Fund Europe's priorities in Italy
- Planning and implementing advocacy events, communication initiatives and joint communication initiatives with partners.
- Contributing to Friends of the Global Fund Europe materials as required, especially relating to Communication / coordination, member activities and the events calendar.
- Working closely with the Friends Europe headquarters to develop coordinated advocacy initiatives on Friends of the Global Fund Europe priority themes.

**3. Participating to the elaboration and the implementation of our pan-European strategy and action plan**

- Working on a regular basis with the team of the Secretariat and the other country advocacy leads to elaborate and implement transnational advocacy plans.

**4. Reporting – Coordination**

- Reporting to the Vice-Chair in charge of Italy and to the Executive Director of Friends of the Global Fund Europe and providing them regular information and updates on the activity plans and initiatives developed in Italy.

**5. Undertaking any other task related to the purposes of the providence as requested by the Vice-Chair in charge of Italy and the Executive Director.**

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**Conditions**

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- Consultant's contract – approximately 50% FTE (an average of 10 days per month)
- Start date: as soon as possible.
- End date: Sept 30, 2023

- Long-term availability sought for, with the possibility of annual renewal at the end of this first period, based on the quality of the work carried out.
- Daily fees to be discussed, based on experience and skills.
- The consultant's work is placed under the direct supervision of both the organization's Vice-Chair for Italy, and the Executive director based at the Secretariat level in Paris. He / She will be called upon to collaborate with other members of Friends of the Global Fund Europe, which includes the members of the Secretariat, the advocacy country leads in other European countries, and the members of our governance.
- The nature of the mission presupposes a permanent presence in Rome, as close as possible to the Italian decision-makers.

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### Candidate's Profile

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- Minimum University degree in a relevant academic field e.g. public health, political science, international cooperation and development, social sciences, law..
- Professional experience of at least 2 to 3 years in the field of steering and development of public policies, advocacy, management of development projects or communication in the fields of health, international affairs, human rights, or development.
- Good knowledge of Italian international cooperation policies and of the actors involved (politicians, government experts, academics, representatives of civil society).
- Demonstrated ability to network and cooperate with external stakeholders.
- Excellent proficiency in Italian and English both written and spoken.
- Self-reliance, rigor, and reliability
- Shared values with Friends of the Global Fund Europe
- Familiarity with the Global Fund and/or other multilateral entities will be appreciated.

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### To apply

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Please send a CV and a cover letter, indicating the desired fees to [heleneberger@afmeurope.org](mailto:heleneberger@afmeurope.org)