The International Energy Agency (IEA) of the OECD, an international organisation based in Paris, is looking for an Electricity Markets Expert. Under the supervision of the Head of the Energy Diversification Division and as one of the Agency's two key experts on electricity, the person will monitor and analyse developments in electricity market reform, carry out studies on the development of electricity markets and take forward electricity policy issues as well as corresponding developments in the gas industry in the context of the Agency's Shared Goals, in co-operation with other Agency staff and external contacts.

The job...

1. Monitor and analyse the development of electricity market reform and of the market structure and regulation of the electricity industry, and corresponding developments in the gas industry, taking into account the links to related markets like the financial markets.

2. Conduct policy and regulatory analysis of the electricity industry and electricity markets in OECD and non-OECD markets.

3. Analyse the interface between electricity market reform and energy security and environmental protection.

4. Identify and disseminate examples of best practice in market reform.

5. Establish and maintain professional contacts with key organisations and individuals outside the agency in the field of electricity and energy market reform.

6. Represent the Agency in relevant international fora and deliver presentations and papers.
The person we are looking for should have...

1. An advanced university degree in economics or equivalent in a related discipline. Expertise in energy or regulatory economics would be an advantage.

2. At least ten years’ relevant experience in the analysis, design and implementation of market reforms and regulation, including several years experience in the electricity sector. Experience in dealing with gas market reform would be a plus.

3. Proven analytical abilities gained in a government policy context.

4. Very good oral and written communication skills. The ability to present complex issues clearly and succinctly to a non-expert audience.

5. The ability to work in teams and to establish and maintain contacts inside and outside the Agency and to work effectively in an international environment.

6. The capacity to deal effectively with changing priorities, complete work to tight deadlines and to a high standard and manage several projects simultaneously.

7. Excellent knowledge of English and excellent drafting ability in that language. Good working knowledge of French desirable.

N.B. The appointment may initially be made at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the selected applicant correspond to that level; in this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned to the post will be adjusted accordingly.

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Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

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