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Top Skills

Alternative Fuels
Regulatory Affairs
Energy Security

Languages

Russian (Limited Working)
English (Full Professional)
French (Professional Working)

Publications

Roadmap to decarbonising
European shipping
Cost analysis of Arctic HFO ban for
cruise shipping
EU's external energy governance:
A multidimensional analysis of the
southern gas corridor
Statistical analysis of the energy
efficiency performance (EEDI) of
new ships
Aviation ETS – gaining altitude

Faig Abbasov

Shipping Programme Manager at Transport & Environment (T&E)
Brussels Area, Belgium

Summary

Experienced Policy Manager with a demonstrated history of working with profit and non-profit organisations, as well as public institutions. Skilled in Climate and Environmental Policies, Energy Security, European Union, International Maritime Organisation and Alternative Energy sources (batteries, hydrogen fuels cells, etc.). Strong analytical, inter-personal and public speaking skills. Holds a PhD on EU energy security from the University of Sheffield/UK, specialised technical training on ship energy efficiency from the Lloyd's Maritime Academy and specialised training on natural gas markets from the Florence School of Regulation. Fluent in English, French and Azeri with strong skills in Russian and Turkish.

Experience

Transport & Environment (T&E)

3 years 9 months

Shipping Programme Manager

September 2019 - Present

Brussels Area, Belgium

Shipping Policy Manager

March 2019 - August 2019 (6 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

- Climate policy for shipping (GHG & Black Carbon):
 - IMO Initial GHG strategy
 - IMO Data Collection System (DCS)
 - IMO Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI)
 - IMO Black Carbon work plan
 - EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)
 - EU Emissions Monitoring, Reporting Verification (MRV)
- Air pollution from shipping (SOx, NOx, PM):
 - IMO 2020 0.5% sulphur standard for marine fuels
 - North Sea, Baltic Sea, English channel NECA
 - EU Sulphur Directive

- Candidate Mediterranean/East Atlantic ECA
- Arctic shipping - ban on HFO use/carriage as fuel by ships
- Zero emission technologies for shipping
- Battery-electric propulsion
- Hydrogen fuel cells
- Ammonia as shipping fuel
- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) for shipping
- EU Sustainable Shipping Forum

Shipping policy officer

January 2017 - March 2019 (2 years 3 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

Aviation & shipping policy officer

April 2016 - January 2017 (10 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

- EU Aviation ETS

SOCAR EU Liaison Office

EU Regulatory and Policy Affairs Manager

June 2014 - January 2016 (1 year 8 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

- Non-technical regulatory and policy risk assessment surrounding the Southern Gas Corridor, incl. South-Caucasus Pipeline, TANAP and TAP,
- Monitoring EU regulatory (legal, economic and strategic) developments related to natural gas and electricity markets and EU long-term energy policy,
- Assessment on the EU energy market developments, specifically, on the EU Gas Target Model, EU Network Codes on natural gas, Security of Energy Supply Regulation, Regulation on TEN-E Guidelines, Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), etc.
- Regulatory and strategic advice on the company's EU grants applications,
- Communications and negotiations with the EU institutions,
- Strategic advice on public relations, including speech writing for the senior company officials,
- Being point of contact for the communications with other stakeholders in the industry,
- Ensuring the day-to-day management of the office.

European Parliament

Assistant Stagiaire

October 2013 - June 2014 (9 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

- Writing speeches, explanations of votes and articles on behalf of the MEP,
- Working on amendments to the resolutions discussed in the EP on behalf of the MEP office,
- Conducting targeted research and data analyses for in-office use,
- Attending working group, group and committee meetings and took notes for the MEP office,
- Prepared briefing notes for the assigned MEP's public appearances,
- Monitoring the EU-level actions and media developments in the sphere of foreign policy, energy security, security and defence policy and human rights,
- Attending public seminars, conference and round tables and prepared memos for the MEP office,
- Coordinating the organisation of an IT event at the EP, which took place with the participation of high calibre public officials, as well as business leaders,
- Participating in the networking events,
- Taking minutes during the in-office meetings,
- Performing other administrative duties.

The University of Sheffield

Administrative Assistant (English Language Teaching Centre)

March 2012 - October 2013 (1 year 8 months)

Sheffield, United Kingdom

- Performing verbal and written communications with the current and prospective international students, their agents, international partners, other University departments and public institutions,
- Taking part in the organisation of academic and administrative events for huge number of participants,
- Participating in the induction and training of the new staff members,
- Working with internal data-bases,
- Conducting surveys,
- Liaising with local authorities in order to fulfil relevant legal responsibilities of the employed institution,
- Performing other office duties.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Analyst

November 2011 - December 2011 (2 months)

Baku

- Compiling energy profiles of the EU and non-EU countries,
- Collecting and analysing data about energy resource indicators, supply & demand balances and infrastructure capabilities of the relevant EU member states,
- Researching existing and potential energy infrastructure developments, fuel dependency rates and energy consumption mixes of the EU countries,
- Assessing non-technical risks to the EU energy markets, with the spotlight on natural gas, electricity and oil,
- Analysing cost and price performance trends in the national markets (E/E zones) of the EU,
- Assessing the future trends of the integration of the EU energy markets, both in software and hardware terms

Civil Service Commission Under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Specialist

June 2007 - October 2008 (1 year 5 months)

Baku

- Implementing of joint projects with German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) within the framework of the project "Support to the Civil Service",
- Organising and carrying out trainings to State institutions on "Civil Service Register",
- Performing the registration of civil servants in "Civil Service Register" in association with other Ministries; project coordination with the President Administration of Azerbaijan Republic,
- Administering the official web-page of the Civil Service Commission.

Education

The University of Sheffield

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, EU Energy Policy · (2012 - 2016)

Lloyd's Maritime Academy

Certificate in Energy Efficiency in Shipping, Maritime Studies · (2017 - 2017)

Florence School of Regulation - FSR Energy

Specialised Training on the Regulation of Gas Markets, Natural Gas Markets in the EU · (2015 - 2015)

The University of Sheffield

Master of Arts - MA, International Relations and Affairs · (2009 - 2010)

The Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Bachelor's degree, International Relations and Affairs · (2005 - 2009)