

Biography:

A Lawyer by training, Sofie Maddens has been involved in legal work in the telecommunications sector since 1989.

Sofie has worked as Regulatory and Policy Expert in the telecommunications field for national governments and their National Regulatory Authorities, the European Commission, the World Bank, the Telecommunications Development Bureau of the ITU as well as for a wide variety of private telecommunications, consulting and financial sector clients.

Within this context, she has undertaken projects in various European countries, and in other countries such as Morocco, Djibouti, the Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Jordan, Madagascar, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Oman, where she has advised on issues such as the privatization of the incumbent, the setting up of the regulator or the definition of the regulatory matrix relating to the telecommunications sector, held presentations, led workshops, and trained staff. She has also drafted the appropriate legal texts ranging from basic laws governing the sector to texts relating to issues such as international representation, licensing, universal service, numbering, and interconnection.