

Brussels, 25 April 2024

## **COCIR is looking for an Innovation and Advocacy Manager**

COCIR is the European Trade Association representing the medical imaging, health ICT and electromedical industries; see [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org) for more information. Founded in 1959, COCIR is a non-profit association headquartered in Brussels (Belgium) with a China Desk based in Beijing since 2007.

We are seeking a highly motivated professional who has a passion for healthcare, research and innovation to fill this newly created role. This position is full time and based in Brussels.

### **Expected Starting Date**

The position is open to start as soon as possible.

### **Responsibilities & Tasks**

This position supports the activities of the Research, Innovation and Funding Committee at COCIR. Working with the Research & Innovation Senior Manager the main responsibilities and tasks include:

#### **Funding and Innovation**

- Actively monitor new information related to EU funding programmes, with a particular focus on programmes for research and innovation.
- Coordinate COCIR activities & positions related to research & innovation funding.
- Represent COCIR in operational discussions with partner associations and the European Commission.
- Ensure information dissemination and internal communication about funding opportunities.
- Support COCIR activities related to the Innovative Health Initiative, when necessary.

#### **Procurement, Deployment, and Investment**

- Coordinate the broader COCIR positioning and advocacy on health systems resilience and financial sustainability.
- Advocate for policies supporting the adoption of new technologies, practices and equal patient access to quality healthcare.
- Contribute to the structured dialogue on the due implementation of the EU HTA Regulation for medical devices - i.e., methodologies and data requirements for evidence generation in radiotherapy.
- Coordinate with National Trade Associations (NTAs), other COCIR Committees and the European Medical Technology Developers' Associations.

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### Advocacy

- Prepare high-level meetings with external stakeholders and public events.
- Prepare communication documents such as newsletters, press releases etc.

### Profile

- You are passionate about healthcare, specifically the medical technology sector, and have a strong interest in European funding programmes for research and innovation.
- You are highly organized, with high attention to detail; project management experience would be an asset.
- You have the proven ability to understand, appreciate and communicate complex legal and technical issues.
- You have previous experience related to public funding of research & innovation, ideally at European level and related to healthcare.
- You understand the environment of the European institutions as it relates to research and innovation.
- You have a master's degree in a relevant field for this position.
- You have relevant work experience of at least 3 years.
- You are fluent in English and able to communicate in at least one other EU language.
- You are a team player with excellent networking skills.
- You understand the environment of a membership organisation; previous experience in a trade association is of added value.

Applicants for this position should submit their CV and cover letter no later than **17 May 2024** to the following email address: [derecque@cocir.org](mailto:derecque@cocir.org).

COCIR is an equal opportunities employer.

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