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COCIR is looking for a Research & Innovation Partnerships Specialist!

COCIR is the European Trade Association representing the medical imaging, health ICT and electromedical industries; see 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. Our focus is to open markets for COCIR members in Europe and beyond. We provide a range of services in the areas of regulatory, technical, market intelligence, environmental, standardisation, international and legal affairs. COCIR is also a founding member of DITTA, the Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association (<http://globalditta.org/>).

COCIR is currently in the process of negotiating participation to the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI), a Joint Undertaking under Horizon Europe, the EU Framework Programme for Research & Innovation (<https://www.euhealthppp.org/about>). In this context, we are seeking a highly motivated professional who has a passion for healthcare, research and innovation to fill the newly created position of **“R&I Partnerships Specialist”**. This position is full time and based in Brussels.

Expected starting date: 1 January 2022

Responsibilities & Tasks

This position is in support of the COCIR work related to the Research & Innovation Focus Group and the Innovative Health Initiative, once the partnership is operational. The main responsibilities and tasks include:

- Support the internal coordination of COCIR activities & positions related to research & innovation, and the Innovative Health Initiative, including the coordination of the Research & Innovation Focus Group.
- Monitor and coordinate the COCIR contribution to the Innovative Health Initiative, including support to COCIR members applying and participating to projects.
- Ensure internal communication about the Innovative Health Initiative, including organization of dedicated webinars and workshops for COCIR members.
- Represent COCIR in operational discussions with IHI partner associations, the IHI Programme Office, and the European Commission.
- Assist in the preparation of high-level meetings with external stakeholders and public events.
- Actively monitor new information related to EU research & innovation funding programmes.
- Assist in preparation of communication documents such as newsletters, press releases etc.

Candidate 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.

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- 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.

Applications for this post in form of a cover letter and CV should be addressed no later than **12 September 2021** to the following email address: pes@cocir.org.

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