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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.
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.

COCIR is an equal opportunities employer.