

BrightnESS / Innovation and Industrial Liaison Officer

Job Description

In the framework of the Horizon 2020 project BrightnESS the Communications, External Relations & IKC Management Division is looking for a secondment as an Innovation and Industrial Liaison Officer from one of our partner organisations. The secondment is limited to the duration of the grant, which expires on 31 August 2018.

The position covers two areas of responsibilities, which are closely linked and mutually benefit each other.

Innovation and Technology Transfer:

- Setting-up a Technology Transfer Office at ESS including development of internal policies, processes and procedures
- Working with ESS staff and partners to help turn innovative scientific and engineering technologies into new products and services
- Identification commercial strategies for transferring technologies to industry including supporting proof-of-concept activities to potential end-users
- Negotiating appropriate licensing contracts in conjunction with the Legal Division
- Supporting the generation of research "impact" by ESS scientists and engineers

Industrial Liaison:

- Management of the ESS Network of Industrial Liaison Officers in co-operation with the External Relations & EU Projects Group
- Provision of relevant, well-prepared and timely information to the ILO Network about procurement and IKC opportunities at ESS and its partner organisations
- Identification of future technological needs
- Enlarging the base of industrial suppliers (especially for advanced technologies)
- Organisation of events
- Being the first point of contacts for industry request at ESS
- Close cooperation with the in-house Procurement and In-kind units

Required competencies:

- Proven professional experience (5-7 years) from a similar role
- Academic degree in a subject relevant to the portfolio of the tasks
- Grasping technical concepts quickly, and translating these into commercially viable proposals
- Solid understanding of the supply sector for research infrastructures
- Successfully negotiating and licensing commercial contracts with industry
- Proven project management skills, including responsibilities for financial management and reporting
- Experience in working with international, cross-functional teams
- Adaptable and flexible, entrepreneurial