

EIT Digital seeks “Digital Finance” Action Line Leader

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EIT Digital is a leading European digital innovation and entrepreneurial education organisation driving Europe’s digital transformation.

EIT Digital delivers breakthrough digital innovations to the market and breeds entrepreneurial talent for economic growth and improved quality of life in Europe. It does this by mobilising a pan-European ecosystem of over 130 top European corporations, SMEs, startups, universities and research institutes.

As a Knowledge and Innovation Community of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, EIT Digital is focused on entrepreneurship and is at the forefront of integrating education, research and business by bringing together students, researchers, engineers, business developers and entrepreneurs. This is done in our pan-European network of Co-Location Centres in Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, London, Paris, Stockholm, Trento, Budapest and Madrid. We also have a hub in the Silicon Valley.

The Position

Also known as “FinTech”, Digital Finance is an area that has attracted a significant amount of interest and venture capital in the last few years. Digital Finance is the delivery of innovative financial products and services through digital technology, with the objective of making financial systems more reliable, more transparent, and less dependent on central infrastructures. Among its key enabling technologies is the blockchain, which leads to major disruptive potential for the financial industry and potentially for the monetary systems.

Reporting to the Chief Strategy Officer, the Action Line Leader is a business unit manager with hands-on program management know-how as well as leadership skills. He or she manages the innovation portfolio of the Action Line (open innovation projects, mature startups), in close collaboration with the EIT Digital Accelerator team for the go-to-market aspects, and the Communications team for the dissemination aspects.

Responsibilities

We are looking for an experienced professional able to work effectively in complex and dynamic multiparty environments. The Action Line Leader should:

- Develop Action Line strategy with a focus on value creation and market impact
- Collaborate with EIT Digital Partner organisations as well as stakeholders/customers to shape, develop and market the portfolio.
- Manage throughout the year the portfolio of open innovation projects (“innovation activities”) and fast-growing startups (“scaleups”) in the Action Line, in collaboration with the EIT Digital Accelerator
- Design, monitor and report on the ROI of the portfolio
- Steer project managers (“activity leaders”) in terms of product/service delivery and solve operational issues
- Report on innovation activity results in terms of KPIs, achievements and success stories
- Define thematic content for education programmes such as master’s level courses

- Develop opportunities for students in the innovation activities
- Organise dissemination events showcasing the portfolio

Qualifications

- Strong technical background (an MSc is required, a PhD or an MBA is a plus)
- Entrepreneurial business skills
- 10+ years of experience in innovative technical/business positions in the Digital Finance domain (e.g. bank, insurance company, Fintech startup etc.)
- Operational excellence and attention to detail
- Leadership, management and communication skills
- Results driven
- Team player with an international mindset

International travel

The Action Line Leader needs to be prepared to travel at about 25% on average, primarily to the EIT Digital nodes (Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Paris, Stockholm, London, Trento, Budapest and Madrid).

Employment

This is a full-time position. Employment is by EIT Digital. Physical location of work is at one of the EIT Digital Co-location Centres: Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, London, Paris, Stockholm, Trento, Budapest and Madrid.

Target start date is as soon as possible.

Languages

- Fluent in English with superior verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of any of the languages German, Swedish, French, Finnish, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Hungarian is a merit.

To apply

Please email a resume and a motivation letter to Recruit-Digital-Finance@eitdigital.eu

Applications that do not include both a resume and a motivation letter will be disregarded.

Applications should be submitted before February 12, 2017 at 6pm CET.

