

## EIT Digital is seeking a Country Lead for its ARISE Europe Program

### EIT Digital

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 140 top European corporations, SMEs, start-ups, universities and research institutes; thus bringing together students, researchers, engineers, business developers and entrepreneurs in Co-Location Centres (CLC) in Berlin, Budapest, Eindhoven, Helsinki, London, Madrid, Paris, Stockholm, Trento, and in its hub in Silicon Valley.

ARISE Europe (<https://www.eitdigital.eu/about-us/arise-europe/>) is a program of EIT Digital designed with the ambition to stimulate regional growth in the following EU and Associated countries:

- EU Countries: Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania and Slovenia;
- EU Associated countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

By cooperating with best local actors, ARISE Europe connects national and regional innovation and education ecosystems to EIT Digital's one, providing

- Support to boost technology projects and startups at the European level
- Improved market access & fundraising opportunities
- Enhancement of the quality of local digital professionals.

EIT Digital is an equal opportunity employer.

### The Position

The purpose of the job is to support the growth of regional innovation ecosystems in the mentioned countries, by connecting those regional ecosystems to EIT Digital's innovation core functions: Innovation Action Lines, the EIT Accelerator, Entrepreneurial Education

The Country Lead will be assigned a subset of the countries targeted by EIT Digital's ARISE Europe program. In performing her job, she will approach and engage regional and national governments and agencies, innovation organizations, and any other type of relevant stakeholders. She will be responsible for the planning and execution of collaboration with those actors and will provide a broad range of strategic and operational advice and support.

The "Country Lead" is a member of the ARISE Europe team. The Country Lead reports to the ARISE Europe leader. This is a full time position.

### Place of employment

One of the following EIT Digital's Co-Location Centres: Berlin, Budapest, Helsinki, Paris, Stockholm, Trento.

### Responsibilities

- Create, manage and grow local Digital Innovation Communities focusing on entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial education
- Together with engaged Digital Innovation Communities, continuously scale up ARISE Europe's economic and societal impact in the assigned countries
- Foster operational excellence of engaged Digital Innovation Communities, liaising and maintaining close alignment with EIT Digital Innovation Action Lines, the Accelerator and the Entrepreneurial Education
- Actively contribute to ARISE team's internal activities

### KPIs

- Size, and quality of the established Digital Innovation Communities
- Contribution from established Digital Innovation Communities to ARISE Europe's KPIs
- Measurable economic and societal impact in the assigned local ecosystems
- Success stories and promotion activities in the assigned countries

### Profile

- University degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Ten-year experience in innovation management and business development
- Experience in the establishment and management of international partnerships
- Experience in outreach activities in one or more of the targeted countries and knowledge of their innovation ecosystems is highly desirable
- Documented personal networks are a major plus
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Superior presentation skills in English (verbal, written)
  - Fluency in one or more other European languages spoken in an ARISE country is a plus
- Very strong team player and organizational talent
- Enthusiasm, creativity; positive hands-on problem-solving
- Readiness to travel extensively in the ARISE countries

### Contact

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### Starting Date

As Soon As Possible

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**To Apply**

Please send a Curriculum Vitae and a Cover Letter by e-mail, outlining how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position and stating how you heard about this opportunity, to

[arise\\_countrylead@eitdigital.eu](mailto:arise_countrylead@eitdigital.eu)

Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered. Due to the large amount of applications we normally receive, we will only be able to follow up with shortlisted candidates.

***Applications should be submitted before October 26th, 2017 at 6pm CET.***

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