

EIT Digital seeks an ARISE Country Lead

About us

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 150 top European corporations, SMEs, start-ups, 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, Budapest, Eindhoven, Helsinki, London, Madrid, Paris, Stockholm and Trento. We also have a hub in Silicon Valley. For further information please visit our website eitdigital.eu

EIT Digital is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity.

The ARISE Europe Program

ARISE Europe (<https://www.eitdigital.eu/about-us/arise-europe/>) is a EIT Digital program designed 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 key local actors, ARISE Europe connects national and regional innovation and education ecosystems (Digital Innovation Communities) to EIT Digital's, providing

- Support to boost technology projects and startups at the European level
- Improved market access & fundraising opportunities
- Growth opportunities to local talents.

The Role

In the assigned country, the ARISE Country Lead supports the growth of regional innovation ecosystems, connecting them to EIT Digital's innovation core functions: Innovation Action Lines, the EIT Accelerator, Entrepreneurial Education.

The ARISE Country Lead approaches and engages regional and national governments and agencies, innovation organisations, start-ups, industries and any other type of relevant stakeholders. She/He is responsible for the planning and execution of collaboration with those actors and provides a broad range of strategic and operational advice and support.

The ARISE Country Lead is a member of ARISE Europe team.

Responsibilities

- Create, manage and foster the development of local Digital Innovation Communities focusing on entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial education
- Together with the 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
- Measurable economic and societal impact in the assigned countries, including the contribution from managed Digital Innovation Communities to ARISE Europe's KPIs
- Success stories and successful promotion activities in the assigned countries

Qualifications and Skills

- MSc degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) is a requirement, with Computer Science specialisation is an asset
- Documented personal networks are a major plus
- Readiness to travel extensively in the assigned countries

Experience

- 8+ years experience in innovation management and/or business development
- Proven 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 are highly desirable
- Organised, proactive, service-oriented and capable of multi-tasking.

Languages

- Fluent English with superior verbal, written and presentation skills
- Knowledge of any of the languages of the targeted countries is a plus.

Place of employment

EIT Digital Headquarters in Brussels (BE), alternative location would be EIT Digital Budapest Node

To apply

Please mail a resume and motivation letter to arise_lead@eitdigital.eu, outlining how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position.

Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered.

Applications should be submitted until 5pm Wednesday October 31, 2018