

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

About 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 200 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 more information, visit www.eitdigital.eu.

EIT Digital is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity. To build a strong digital Europe that works for everyone it is vital that we have diverse range of skills, knowledge and experience in the sector. Therefore, we welcome applications from anyone who meets the below criteria and encourage applications from women, ethnic minorities, and other underrepresented groups.

About the Role

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the strategic and operational financial management of the organization. This includes the strategic and operational financial and administrative controlling of EIT Digital IVZW and its Legal Entities; the development, execution support and monitoring of the financial sustainability strategy; and the definition and implementation of compliant procurement policies. The CFO is also responsible for the financial coordination of the Grant Management cycle, including the support to Partner organizations and the reporting to the EIT. The CFO has the overall responsibility of the IT infrastructure of EIT Digital.

The CFO is a member of the EIT Digital Management Committee and collaborates closely with the other EIT Digital C-level officers as well as with the EIT Digital Node Directors. The CFO reports to the CEO of EIT Digital.

Main Responsibilities

- Develop and implement EIT Digital financial strategy:
 - Lead and support the financial decision-making process, to maximize bottom-line sustainability for EIT Digital and effectively communicate across the broader organization:
 - Ensure clarity of financial impact of strategic choices, including financial evaluation of new businesses and models through active participation in the development and implementation of EIT Digital strategy
 - Through assessment of key market indicators, provide strategic foresight and recommendations to monitor budget spending
- Manage financial operational activities, forecasting and reporting of EIT Digital and its Legal Entities:
 - Responsible for the global financial controls, processes and reporting of Digital's activities at both the strategic and operational level, including monitoring and reporting on the financial KPIs.
 - Legal and regulatory compliance for all financial aspects (incl. procurement)
 - Establish and manage overall EIT Digital treasury operations infrastructure, and manage bank relations

- Support activities and functions by the provision of robust, timely financial information and/or services
- Develop financially engineered balance sheet structuring processes, tax accounting and forecasting processes, internal funding processes and transfer pricing processes
- Monitor tax charge and manage the external reporting and analysis of taxes
- Coordinate the EIT Grant Management cycle
 - Drive the effective and efficient delivery of Business Planning financials and contracts
 - Partner and Agency Management
 - Link closely and align Cost Reporting with EIT Grant requirements and KPIs
 - Act as EIT point-of-contact on funding and financial related aspects
- IT Infrastructure management

KPIs

- Sound financial planning, execution and reporting (incl. underspending performance)
- Generated sustainability revenue and external financial support attracted
- Amount and number of cost related audit findings (i.e. ineligible costs)
- Achievement of finance related EIT-level KPIs
- 24/7 level of operation of IT systems

Qualifications

- At least 10 years' experience as senior finance officer in large industries or large institutions with financial end-responsibility.
- Academic working level with at least Master's degree in accounting or business administration. An MBA in economics or finance is a merit.
- Strategic mindset combined with hands-on and entrepreneurial approach, able to drive change and performance
- Strong international experience, especially in working with European multi-stake holder organizations.
- Fluent in budgeting, forecasting and planning
- Proven track record leading acquisition/management of European, national and/or regional private or public innovation financing
- Strong presentation and public appearance skills in English (verbal, written) and ability to convey simple and effective value propositions and messages

Languages

- Fluent in English with excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of any other EU language is a merit

International travel

The CFO needs to be prepared to travel between the EIT Digital Nodes and Brussels on a regular basis.

Place of employment

Brussels, Belgium, or one of the European EIT Digital locations.



To apply

Please mail a resume and motivation letter to cfo-recruitment@eitdigital.eu, outlining how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position. Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered.

Additional information can be obtained via careers@eitdigital.eu.

Applications should be submitted before 5pm Friday July 12, 2019.