EIT Digital seeks an Innovation Leader

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 200 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, 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, disabled people and other underrepresented groups.

Innovation Leader

EIT Digital seeks to generate significant digital 'deep tech' innovations from top European research results. Each innovation activity gathers EIT Digital partners to bring promising mature research results out of the lab and quickly into the market. The objective is to create drive digital innovation and transformation through the creation of startups and the launch of Minimal Viable Products (MVP).

Our investments are focused on a number of strategic areas: **Digital Tech**, **Digital Industry**, **Digital Cities**, **Digital Wellbeing** and **Digital Financ**e. These areas have been selected based on their relevance for Europe and their potential to establish European leadership.

The Innovation Leaders drive the total portfolio of EIT Digital innovation activities which is made up of activities in the above areas.

The Innovation Leader has a proactive opportunity-driven business attitude combined with a deep digital technology intimacy. He or she has the skills to combine contribution to the vision with effective and hands-on execution of the operation. Being successful in the job requires acting as a team player with strong verbal and written communication skills in English.

Key Responsibilities

The key responsibilities of the Innovation Leaders are to create an innovation activity portfolio with the following key objectives:

1. High impact: assure that innovation activities are strategic and have a right to win at a global level.
2. Value creation: in terms of startup creation or product launch as an outcome of the innovation activities.
3. Return on Investment: assure that activities contribute to EIT Digital financial sustainability through generation of income.
4. Education integration: engage and coach EIT Digital students within innovation activities by defining internships, post-master topics, Summer School and PhD topics.

The Innovation Leaders act as a team where each member is responsible for part of the overall portfolio for which they are expected to execute the annual cycle while assuring that delivery and objectives are achieved. The annual cycle includes:

a. Call preparation: support the launch of the EIT Digital annual call for proposal to feed the Digital Innovation Factory.
b. Proposal submission: support partners in preparing and submitting strong proposals.
c. Proposal selection: participate in the selection of the proposals.
d. Business Plan construction: provide input to the EIT Digital Business Plan, that will include selected proposals.
e. Activity execution: manage and orchestrate innovation activities within the portfolio.
f. Activity delivery: drive activities to deliver on operational milestones, KPIs, as well as setting them for customer and investor success by the end of the activity.
g. Reporting: perform timely and thorough reporting in the context of EIT Digital processes.

KPIs

- Number of high impact activities in the portfolio
- Number of start-ups created by the portfolio
- Return on investment and income generation
- Timely delivery of activities aligned with commitments, including KPIs and business impact
- Number of students in innovation activities
- Student satisfaction score of working in innovation activities
- Recognition though tier-1 success stories on impactful activities

Qualifications

- Candidates must have at least a MSc degree in Computer Science, or in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) with significant information and communication technology; a PhD is an asset

Extensive professional experience of 10+ years in innovative technical/business positions working in digital technologies with a focus on new business creation.

Experience and Skills

- Hands-on with an entrepreneurial mind set
- Operational excellence and attention to detail
- Business acumen with track record of delivering results
- Advanced leadership and relationship management
- Team player with an international mind set

Languages

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

International travel
The Innovation Leader needs to be prepared to travel intensively, primarily to the EIT Digital locations.

Place of employment   Physical location of work is one of the EIT Digital Co-location Centres or Brussels.

Reporting to the Chief Research & Innovation Officer

To apply
Please mail a resume and motivation letter to **innovation_leader@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 Tuesday 28 May 2019