

Head of the EIT Digital Innovation Factory

EIT Digital

EIT Digital is a leading European digital innovation and entrepreneurial education organisation supporting the creation of a strong digital Europe.

EIT Digital is focused on building and scaling ventures, and on breeding and up-skilling talents to equip them with both digital and entrepreneurial skills. It does this by mobilising a pan-European ecosystem of over 300 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.

The Innovation Factory

The Innovation Factory is at the heart of the EIT Digital strategy and invests in pan-European entrepreneurial teams together with EIT Digital partner organisations to build digital innovations and new ventures in one of our strategic focus areas. Innovation activities bring together expertise from the EIT Digital ecosystem with partners contributing technology, talent, business models, investments, and channels to the market. Activities deliver innovations to the market through product launch and venture creation. The focus is on business impact as well as contribution to the financial sustainability of EIT Digital. EIT Digital is the largest innovation ecosystem in Europe and its Innovation Factory is a flagship place for organisations and individuals to create innovations and launch deep tech ventures in the digital space in Europe.

The position

The Head of the Innovation Factory has the mission of creating impactful innovations and strong ventures together with the EIT Digital partner organisations. He or she drives the execution of the pan-European portfolio of innovation activities, focusing on the best outcomes in terms of business impact. He or she contributes to the EIT Digital sustainability including financing of activities and return on the EIT Digital financial support.

The Head of the Innovation Factory manages the innovation factory team and closely collaborates with the EIT Digital C-level officers, Node Directors and School Heads. He or she reports to the EIT Digital Chief Innovation Officer.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate the scouting and selection process with the EIT Digital Node Directors to assure intake of high quality, high impact proposals for innovation activities and teams.
- Drive and manage with the EIT Digital Node Directors the portfolio of innovation activities through operational excellence to successful outcomes and follow-up (customer deployments, investor engagement)
- Engage with the EIT Digital School Heads in order to embed talent into the portfolio of innovation activities
- Contribute to the EIT Digital sustainability including financing of activities and return on the EIT Digital financial support, with a special focus on building and valorizing our equity portfolio.
- Reporting to management, including analytics, dashboarding, forecasting and management presentations; reporting in the context of EIT Digital processes and EIT Digital KPIs.

Qualifications and Experience

- Strong industrial experience (15+ years) in the development and execution of digital innovations with the industry, startups, scaleups, universities, and research institutes
- Concrete experience with the venture capital industry: investment strategy, startup assessment, valuation, reporting.
- Academic education and background in computer science (at least MSc, preferably PhD)
- Intimate knowledge of the digital space, including deep understanding of technology and market trends
- Strong international experience through proven track record of managing European-wide innovations and driving them to delivery
- Strong presentation and public appearance skills in English (verbal, written) and ability to convey simple and effective value propositions and messages
- Hands-on with entrepreneurial mind set

Languages

Mastery of English, with superior verbal, presentation and written communication skills.

Employment

This is a full time position. Place of employment is preferably at EIT Digital HQ in Brussels, although location at one of the EIT Digital European Co-location centre with easy connection for travel in Europe might be considered. Regular travel across Europe is required for this position.

To apply

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

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.

Applications should be submitted before 5pm CET on Friday, 18th December 2020.