CIRKLA - CROSSBORDER CIRCULAR ECONOMY CENTER COORDINATOR (F/M/X)

AREA: ENGINEERING, BUSINESS OR SOCIAL SC.

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The University of Liège is the biggest French-speaking public university in Belgium. It employs more than 5,700 staff members across four campuses, including 3,600 active teachers and researchers in all fields of the human and social sciences, science and technology, and health sciences. In hosts nearly 27,000 students of 123 different nationalities in one of the most multicultural and dynamic cities in Europe, less than an hour from Brussels and Cologne, two hours from Paris, and three hours from London and Amsterdam.

The GeMMe research group (https://gemme.uliege.be), leading the CIRKLA Interreg project, brings together a team of engineers, scientists and technicians from different disciplines, all of whom have a good understanding of the challenges of developing resources in a sustainable and responsible way. GeMMe engineers develop innovative technical solutions to better characterise, recover and re-functionalize mineral and metal resources. They develop a holistic vision (lifecycle thinking) and work together in a multidisciplinary spirit to meet the challenges of the circular economy.

With a central office established in Saarbrücken and UniGR Officers at each partner location, the University of the Greater Region (Uni-GR, https://www.uni-gr.eu) is a long lasting cross-border alliance of seven higher education institutions (ULorraine, UniLuxembourg, ULiège, RPTU, UdS Saarland, HTW Saar, UTrier). Since its creation, the consortium has acted on an ongoing basis as a design and coordination unit for European projects, carried out in close close collaboration with the partner universities. Following the Centre for Border Studies model, CIRKLA is a major initiative towards building a world class centre of expertise.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The main objective of UniGR-CIRKLA is to bring together in a single centre of competence, actors from civil society, education, research and industry to facilitate the transition towards a more circular economy (especially of materials and metals). The proposed actions are structured around three axes of circularity: SOCIETY, TERRITORY and INNOVATION. They reinforce smart specialisation strategies along the value chains and benefit from a cross-border approach. The ambition is to make the whole Grande Région - GroßRegion a model territory at the heart of Europe in the efficient management of critical raw materials, in the development of circular materials and in the management of technological waste. (https://www.uni-gr.eu/en/cirkla)

The project includes several actions (exhibition, executive education, PhD summer school, WEEE management, material flow analysis, knowledge centre, etc.) spanning over four years and targeting the wider society as well as academics and major economic players.
JOB DESCRIPTION

Your job will be to act as manager of this 7M€ cross-border project. You will work in close cooperation with the UniGR central office, the administration of ULiege and the different partners of the project to ensure the perfect coordination of all scheduled actions. In particular, you will make sure to respect deadlines, to deliver the promised outputs and to achieve the expected impact. You will make sure that partners comply with the financial regulation and deliver the adequate justifications.

You will also actively contribute to communication and awareness-raising activities. You will take advantage of the exceptional networking potential offered by EITRawMaterials to quickly position CIRKLA as a world-class centre of expertise on circular economy of materials and metals. You will use your position as coordinator to encourage the implementation of new projects with a wide range of European partners.

SPECIFIC DUTIES & ACTIVITIES

- Project management
- Project communication
- Coordination of partner activities
- Networking
- Drafting of new projects

YOUR PROFILE

o Required skills:
  - International project management
  - Fluent in English
  - Knowledge of the EU academic environment

o Desirable skills:
  - Bilingual French-German
  - Background in science, engineering or economics
  - Interreg or Horizon EU project coordination

o Soft skills:
  - High level oral and written communication
  - Networking and management skills in a multicultural environment

o Languages:
  - English required
  - French and/or German are assets
EMPLOYMENT TERMS

- Type of contract: Full-time researcher (junior/senior)
- Length of contract: 48 months
- Start date: April-May 2024

OUR OFFER

With your career path and personal details, ULiege Human Resources Department can assess the gross monthly salary. Employment benefits such as reimbursement of public transportation fees and access to a variety of training opportunities are also included.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The GeMMe group is located on the Sart Tilman campus (Quartier Polytech), a very modern and attractive research environment. GeMMe is part of the Urban and Environmental Engineering Department and maintains close ties with major regional research centers such as CRM or CTP. GeMMe’s premises offer all modern connection and are easily reachable from Liege city centre.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send the following documents in doc or pdf format (in English) to Professor Eric Pirard via email address gemme@uliege.be by Feb 16th at the latest.

- Motivation Letter
- Curriculum Vitae (ex. Europass model)

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Screening of applications
- Online/Presential Interviews (end of February) in English
- Final selection

CONTACT DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Informal inquiries about the project are welcome. Please feel free to contact Pr. Eric Pirard and the GeMMe group by email gemme@uliege.be

Release date: January, 18th 2024
Information on the processing of your personal information

The personal data collected follow your application will be processed by Eric Pirard and Emilie Flament of the University of Liege for the purpose of organizing the selection and recruitment.

These data will be processed based on the execution of pre-contractual measures (art. 6-1, b. of the RGPD).

These data will be kept for the duration of the selection procedure and, at the most, 9 months after the publication of the job offer. This data will not be passed on to third parties.

In accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679), you may exercise your rights relating to this personal data (right of access, rectification, deletion, limitation, and portability) by contacting the ULiège Data Protection Officer (dpo@uliege.be - Mr. Data Protection Officer, Bât. B9 Cellule "GDPR", Quartier Village 3, Boulevard de Colonster 2, 4000 Liège, Belgium). You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority (https://www.autoriteprotectiondonnees.be, contact@apd-gba.be).