

EIT Digital seeks “Digital Cities” Action Line Leader

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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 130 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, Eindhoven, Helsinki, London, Paris, Stockholm, Trento, as well as in Budapest and Madrid. We also have a hub in Silicon Valley.

The Position

The Digital Cities Action Line (or thematic area) leverages the digital transformation of the cities through centralised, participative and collaborative interactions between city actors: government, municipalities, city service providers, industry, and citizens. This transformation enables the deployment of information, mobility and safety services in the cities and foster citizens awareness. Mobility, information and safety are the anchor points for innovations driven by the Action Line. A multidisciplinary approach including service design, urbanism, and social sciences is used to provide an accurate understanding of the concrete problems cities are facing, and the means to overcome these, in particular by developing sustainable business models and adoption of appropriate technology.

Reporting to the Chief Strategy Officer, the Action Line Leader is primarily a Program Manager with leadership skills. He or she manages the innovation portfolio of the Action Line (open innovation projects, mature startups), in close collaboration with the EIT Digital Accelerator team for the go-to-market aspects, and the Communications team for the dissemination aspects.

Responsibilities

We are looking for an experienced professional able to work effectively in complex and dynamic multiparty environments. The Action Line Leader should:

- Develop the innovation strategy for the Action Line
- Manage throughout the year the portfolio of open innovation projects (“innovation activities”) and fast-growing startups (“scaleups”) in the Action Line, in collaboration with the EIT Digital Accelerator
- Evaluate activity proposals in terms of technical excellence, business impact and relevance to the Action Line strategic areas

- Steer project managers (“activity leaders”) in terms of business development
- Monitor activities in terms of goals, budget and impact
- Report activity results in terms of KPIs, technical and business achievements, and education aspects
- Liaise with other innovation Action Lines for relevant technical advances
- Collaborate with Partner companies in the thematic area
- Define thematic content for education actions such as master’s level courses
- Develop opportunities for students in the innovation activities
- Organise dissemination events with projects and participating companies
- Interact with stakeholders (municipalities, solution providers, ...) to foster adoption of EIT Digital solutions and partner for co-investment in this area

This is a full-time position.

Qualifications

We are looking for a senior Action Line Leader:

- Excellent knowledge and experience of the Digital Cities domain
- Good relationship with at least a few stakeholders (municipalities and solution providers)
- 10+ years of experience in program management in innovative technical/business organisations
- Strong technical background (a PhD is a plus) with a business mind
- Results driven
- Strong leadership, management and communication skills
- Team player with an international mindset

International travel

The Action Line Leaders needs to be prepared to travel at about 25% on average, primarily to the EIT Digital nodes (Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Paris, Stockholm, London, Trento, Budapest and Madrid).

Employment

Employment is by EIT Digital. Physical location of work is at one of the EIT Digital Co-location Centres: Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, London, Paris, Stockholm, Trento.
Start date is as soon as possible.

Languages

- Fluent in English with superior verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of any of the languages German, Swedish, French, Finnish, Dutch or Italian is a merit.

To apply

Please mail a resume and motivation letter to Recruit-Digital-Cities@eitdigital.eu

Applications should be submitted before October 7, 2016.