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IRU is the global industry association for road transport, driving the sustainable mobility of people and goods across the planet.

Our vision is to be the global leader in connecting societies with safe, efficient and green mobility & logistics.

Our dynamic organisation in Brussels is looking for a

RESEARCH & INNOVATION MANAGER

JOB SUMMARY

The Research & Innovation Manager will be responsible for the execution of project related research activities with an emphasis on data analysis executing project tasks and drafting project deliverables from A-Z. The Research & Innovation Manager will ensure close collaboration with IRU's Business lines and be part of the Advocacy team.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Project management

- Manage project activities in collaboration with key stakeholders and internal partners including the development and implementation of work plans, activities' reports and technical programmes for events.
- Lead the development and implementation of a broad coordinated set of plans and programmes to meet the priorities of the organisation.
- Pro-actively identify new project opportunities, draft proposals and provide expertise to other team members when necessary.
- Connect IRU with stakeholders directly and indirectly involved with the commercial road transport industry.
- Increase the opportunities for IRU members, associations as well as corporates, to become actively involved in EU funded research projects

Data Analysis

- Direct and contribute to the preparation of market researches, cost-benefit analysis, dissemination and exploitation plans, deployment roadmaps, guidelines and other relevant documents.
- Designing, developing and conducting questionnaires and surveys.
- Contribute to the development of cost-benefits analysis, department roadmaps and other relevant document.
- Gather market intelligence and support IRU EU advocacy with data and analysis relevant for advocacy purposes and compile and structure past projects work outcome in clusters.
- Interpret data, formulate reports, prepare graphic illustrations for the purpose of EU projects, if applicable, and also for the purpose of IRU EU advocacy if requested by the IRU advocacy team.
- Assist the IRU EU Goods and Passenger Transport teams with the collection and analysis of data relevant to the IRU's EU advocacy work.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor or master's degree in Engineering, Business, Data analytics, Economics or any related field.
- 2-5 years of project management experience with European or global projects (e.g. H2020, FP7, Lifelong Learning Programme, CEF) preferably relevant for the transport sector and/or data analytics (both on academic and industry level).
- Knowledge of road transport and/or vehicle technologies.
- Good network in the field of transport or logistics is an asset.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English; knowledge of other European languages will be viewed favourably.

COMPETENCIES, SKILLS & BEHAVIOURS

- Proven project management skills
- Industry expertise in transport, mobility and customs with relevant customer knowledge
- Solid organizational skills including attention to detail and multitasking skills
- Drive for results with well-developed negotiation and commercial skills
- Ability to develop trust-based relationships with members
- Strong analytical, problem solving and project management skills
- Influence & inspire internal & external stakeholders
- Emotional intelligence: self-awareness, empathy, managing self and other emotions
- Understand the sense of urgency & drive change
- Commitment to IRU
- Cross-functional collaboration to be successful in a matrix organisation
- Positive, agile and prepared to adapt to change with short notice; proven organisational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively in a team