

**Director of ECRN Network
European Chemical Regions Network
Brussels, Belgium**

The European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN) e.V. was founded and registered in Germany in October 2005, since October 2018 became a Belgian registered association located in Brussels Boulevard St Michel 80 B-1040. The ECRN activities in the field of European cooperation started out as an INTERREG IIIC project in 2004. It currently comprises 14 European chemical regions from Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Czech Republic and Italy. Beyond this ECRN is working together with other chemical regions, associations and networks, the chemical industry and the EU institutions.

The ECRN is an acknowledged European stakeholder representing the interests of chemical regions. ECRN is currently tackling the issues related to the future EU Industrial and Regional Policy, European Chemical Policy as well as EU policies concerning energy and climate protection. Furthermore, the network actively addresses the topics of Research and Innovation, Logistics and Transport, Bio-economy, Circular Economy, Resource Efficiency as well as Education Skills and Training in between the chemical industry.

The network also serves as a platform for European interregional cooperation and participation in EU programmes through the promotion of common projects among the chemical regions.

For more information about the ECRN please visit www.ecrn.net.

To achieve these goals ECRN asbl has established a secretariat based in Brussels. The secretariat provides technical and administrative support to the bodies of the association. It co-operates with the association's members and acts as a first contact point for other institutions and organizations.

Functions of the ECRN Director:

- representing the ECRN towards the EU institutions and trade associations as well as cooperation with European networks and regional initiatives;
- cooperation with other chemical regions and new members acquisition;
- promotion of relationships and cooperation amongst the members;
- regular attendance to events in member regions and in Brussels;
- preparation of statements/joint opinions and position papers in the field of chemical and regional policy;
- reporting on recent EU activities to the ECRN members and close cooperation with the executive board and desk officers in the respective regions;

- supporting the ECRN project activities particularly through the involvement of the chemical industry companies, clusters and networks at national and European level;
- visiting ECRN member regions at regular intervals;
- providing technical and administrative support to the ECRN Executive Board and the Permanent Working Group in the implementation of their statutory duties;
- preparation and follow up of statutory meetings of the Executive Board, Permanent Working Group, General Assembly;
- managing public relations and communication activities of the association (regularly ECRN Inside News, website and periodical contribution to different media channels).

Profile and qualifications

- university degree in chemistry, economics, law, politics or related relevant fields;
- 5 years relevant working experience on a comparable level;
- working experience in the chemical industry and/or in public institutions on European, national or regional level;
- experience in the development and management of European projects, knowledge of the European funding schemes and experience in European cooperation are advantageous;
- knowledge of Belgian law of associations (as an asset);
- fluent in English (both written and spoken), working knowledge of French, knowledge of German language would be an asset;
- proved conceptual and organizational skills;
- very good skills in common IT-applications;
- strong communication skills and very good skills of expressing oneself;
- readiness for regular official trips;
- self-motivated and able to work under pressure; permanently acting in a confident and friendly manner;

Terms of employment

The position is based on a full-time contract under Belgian law. ECRN asbl acting as legal employer will issue the employment contract as official employer.

It is envisaged to contract the Director as soon as possible. Applicants are kindly requested to submit a motivation letter and CV as well as at least 2 references until **August 31st 2019** by email to the following address: ecrn.recruitment@gmail.com.

The application shall be addressed to the Executive board of the ECRN asbl.