

Recruitment announcement

The Joint Secretariat of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme, operating within Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit LLC. is recruiting full time Programme Manager in its Budapest Office (Hungary).

Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme promotes cross-border cooperation and territorial development.

The priorities of the programme include:

- the integrated development of nature and culture,
- enhancement of cross-border mobility, (by increasing the density between border crossing points along the Hungarian-Slovak border, improving cross-border public transport services and improving cross-border logistic services) and
- promotion of sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility
- development of cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people.

The ERDF budget of the programme makes up to 155,8 million euro for the period of 2014-2020.

The Joint Secretariat (JS) works in close co-operation with the Managing Authority while being independent from the national administrative structures. The Joint Secretariat assists the Managing Authority, the Monitoring Committee, the Audit Authority and the Certifying Authority in carrying out their respective duties. The duties of the JS include activities related to general programme co-ordination and implementation, technical and administrative management, information and publicity, project development and selection. More specifically, this includes the conclusion of Annual Reports; the preparation of proposals for programme amendments; the organisation of technical meetings, workshops and info days; the promotion the project generation activities and participation in the project selection process; support the Info Points in Košice, Nitra and Bratislava in its activities; the updating of the programme's internet homepage; secretariat tasks in support of the Monitoring Committee including preparation of documents, decisions, minutes and reports; contribution to the regular updating of the programme monitoring system, incl. data insertion into the system.

The Joint Secretariat is established within Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit LLC. in Budapest.

In order to have a broader view on the programme and the tasks of the JS please contact the Cooperation Programme, as well as other program related documents on the official web-site of the programme: www.skhu.eu.

The programme strives for international staff and a balanced knowledge of programme languages and cultural backgrounds within the whole team.

Both tasks require an understanding of EU funding instruments and especially the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or, specifically, European Territorial Cooperation (ETC). In depth knowledge of the programme priorities is an asset.

SKHU Programme Manager

General job description

The Programme Manager is responsible for the monitoring and control of the implementation of the approved projects under the supervision of the Head of JS and according to the principles and decisions of the programme partners. S/he is also the contact to applicants and project partners for providing consultancy on administrative and content related requirements of the applications and the project implementation.

Main tasks will consist of

- preparation of programme manuals, continuous development of internal regulations;
- preparation of calls for proposals;
- providing support and consultancy to project applicants during the application phase;
- coordinating and participating in the project selection and evaluation procedure according to the programme's manuals;
- assisting project partners throughout project implementation;
- collecting and reviewing project reports;
- preparing documents and materials for decisions of the Monitoring Committee;
- organizing, providing consultancy at project seminars, conferences and other events;
- preparing statistics and monitoring figures at programme level for the Monitoring Committee, the Managing and National Authorities, the Audit Authority, Certifying Authority and the European Commission, and assisting the organisation of their meetings; preparing minutes;
- preparing thematic reports on progress of projects and reporting to programme actors on financial progress of the projects;
- preparation of reports to the programme actors on the implementation of the programme;
- performing other relevant duties deriving from the management of the programme.

Requirements

- Experience of the administration of international cooperation, minimum 3 years demonstrated experience in EU project or programme management (preferably cross-border cooperation);
- Team spirit and flexibility are essential. The position involves fitting into a small team and sometimes lending a hand with whatever needs doing, including administration and practical tasks;
- Pro-active approach and willingness to develop yourself and your work;
- Excellent computer literacy;
- Willingness to travel;
- Availability to work overtime when necessary;

- Good advisory, presentation and drafting skills;
- Analytical, creative and problem-solving skills;
- Attention to detail and accuracy;
- Ability to take personal responsibility for delivery of high quality results to tight deadlines;
- Fluent in spoken and written English, as well as in Slovak and Hungarian;
- Relevant university degree in regional development with focus on European policies and development programmes.

Assets

- Good understanding and knowledge of the needs of the programme area;
- Experience/skills regarding the content of priority axis defined by the programme (e.g. engineering, technical skills);
- Experience of working in cross-border co-operation projects;
- Good administrative skills (understanding of the EU regulatory framework).

Terms of employment

The positions are based on a full-time contract under Hungarian law. All members of staff will be employed by the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit LLC. The location of work will be the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit LLC' office in Budapest. The working language is English.

The competitive salary will be related to qualifications, experience.

The contract of the full time programme manager is foreseen until the replacement of a colleague on maternity leave is needed.

Applications and selection

Interested applicants are requested to submit

- an Europass format resume (CV) in English with photo and a typed motivation letter in English, Slovak and Hungarian,
- proof of education, professional experience and language knowledge (scanned version).

Deadline for submitting applications is 24:00 CET 28th of February 2018.

Applications should be sent in electronic format to the following e-mail addresses until the deadline:

- szpiallas@szechenyiprogramiroda.hu
- Istrizencova@skhu.eu
- Nikoletta.Horvath@me.gov.hu

- Iveta.Namerova@land.gov.sk
- marianna.basistova@land.gov.sk

with a reference to the position you apply for (SKHU Programme Manager).

The application package will form the basis of the initial stage of candidate assessment. If successful at this stage, candidates will be asked to attend an interview.

Interviews are foreseen to be held in March of 2018 in Budapest. The interview/selection team will consist of the Managing Authority/National Authority/Joint Secretariat. The interviews will be conducted in English. Only those candidates who are invited for interviews will be contacted.

Additional information

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