

For its office based in Mannheim (Germany) EIT Health Germany GmbH seeks to appoint a full-time

Managing Director / Geschäftsführer:in

EIT Health Regional Innovation Hub

Germany-Switzerland (m/f/d)

Background

EIT Health was established in 2015 as a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) designated by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). EIT Health is focused on promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and education in the domains of healthy living and active ageing. As a public-private partnership EIT Health brings together leading organisations along the entire value chain from smaller companies to large corporations, academic and research institutions, as well as public sector organisations, all unified in regard to the goals of improving healthcare by breaking down barriers to innovation, promoting talent and education, leveraging enabling technologies, and exploiting Big Data. As an EIT-designated KIC, EIT Health can utilise considerable amounts of European Commission/EIT funding and leverage resources of its partner organisations in order to achieve its goals. EIT Health's Central Office (EIT Health e.V.) is located in Munich. Regional activities are implemented across a network of six Regional Innovation Hubs ("HUBs") based in Paris, London, Barcelona, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Mannheim. The HUBs connect the more than 150 EIT Health partners. Some of them, collectively referred to as the InnoStars, are located in growth regions such as Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy.

The HUB based in Mannheim manages the EIT Health Partners based in Germany and Switzerland. To this end, the HUB

- fosters the cooperation between the German and Swiss partners amongst each other and with their counterparts all over Europe in the EIT Health network;
- identifies new opportunities, supports the development of impactful projects and leverages good practice;
- drives regional and super-regional outreach and dissemination;
- explores, develops and implements new service and business models that add value to the partnership and supports the organisation's sustainability.

The HUB based in Mannheim is operated by the EIT Health Germany GmbH, which now seeks to appoint a new Managing Director with the experience, skills, motivation and personal capabilities to lead and develop the HUB Germany-Switzerland team and portfolio, to conduct the day-to-day business of the HUB, and to represent the partnership. The appointed individual will also be part of the European EIT Health Strategic Management Team (SMT) (= 'Vorstand' of the EIT Health e.V.), and work closely with the CEO and COO of the organisation, as well as with the Managing Directors of the other HUBs. The SMT is responsible for EIT Health strategy and budget and accountable to the Supervisory Board of the organisation.

About the Role & its Responsibilities

The post holder will be expected to manage the day-to-day operations of the HUB with seven team members across the portfolios Innovation, Education, Business Creation, and Corporate Affairs.

Specifically, this involves:

- Steering the HUB Germany-Switzerland, be its spokesperson and lead daily operations;
- Further development and positioning of the HUB Germany-Switzerland regionally, nationally and throughout Europe as a major driver in healthcare innovation adoption, education, talent development and business creation;
- Responsible for all financial as well as legal and administrative aspects of the HUB Germany-Switzerland; this includes financial, legal and all other aspects of the HUB operations;
- Leading and facilitating the cooperation of all German and Swiss partners within the HUB and with the entire EIT Health community;
- Representing the HUB Germany-Switzerland and being an influential voice in the SMT;
- Steering all HUB-specific aspects of the overall EIT Health Business Plan and manage the corresponding assets;
- Collaborating and coordinating with respective colleagues at European and regional level in order to define, create and grow maximum synergies and opportunities for cooperation and portfolio development, as well as to support the joint reporting and monitoring activities required to fulfill EIT Health's broader objectives;
- Planning and managing stakeholder relations including attracting new partners from academia, industry, and/or the health and social care sectors;
- Contributing to the success of the strategic initiatives validated by the SB / SMT (such as the Venture Centre of Excellence or the High Value Care Forum). Strengthening the commitment of German and Switzerland partners in these initiatives;
- Developing new initiatives, projects or services that support the EIT Health strategy and can also yield new revenues and funding streams that support the sustainability of the organisation.

Required Qualifications & Profile

Essential:

- Experienced manager with minimally five years of relevant experience in the health & lifescience sector;
- Strong experience in development and implementation of Health innovation strategies in interaction with universities, start-ups, research institutions and industry;
- Proven leadership capabilities and ability to manage a team of professional staff and engage a broad array of individuals;
- A relevant people network in the health sector;
- Team worker with excellent leadership skills who is able to operate on a strategic level;
- Ability to bring together and lead diverse international and national stakeholders;

- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, strong presentation and public relations skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in complex and innovative environments, cross culturally in an international public-private environment, entrepreneurial mindset and motivation to develop a purpose and impact driven organization;
- German (C1) and English (C1) fluency.

Desirable:

- Experience in managing and operating a legal entity, including finance, human resources and legal matters;
- Demonstrated experience with European project applications, management and reporting processes, as well as knowledge of relevant European and national innovation funding schemes;
- Strong experience in strategic planning and execution;
- MSc or PhD Degree in Health or Natural Sciences or Engineering, or equivalent experience;
- Available at earliest convenience, ideally no later than 1st February 2022.

What we offer

- A full-time position (1 FTE), with flexible working hours and the possibility to work from home as appropriate and 30 days of annual leave;
- Straight internal communication, non-hierarchical structure and freedom to operate with autonomy;
- A large and vibrant network in the healthcare sector, with exposure to high-level and senior representatives from key players and influencers, with regular travel – primarily in Europe;
- The opportunity to work on critical projects of European interest, contributing to improving the lives of citizens including patients;
- Familiar atmosphere within a dynamic team;
- A competitive salary and benefit package;
- Learning and development programme for staff.

Apply now – we look forward to your application!

Please express your interest in being appointed to this role by submitting your full CV together with a cover letter indicating your suitability for the role, your motivation to apply, and your earliest possible start date.

Closing date: November 8, 2021

Please submit your application via email by the due date to the following address:

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