

## **Project Consultant: Regional Economic Development, European cooperation and Innovation Consulting – Public sector M/F**

**(Full-time, based in Sophia-Antipolis or Lille, France)**

### **Do you want**

- to support innovation and regional development across Europe?
- to work in a dynamic international team?
- to grow professionally in an ambitious business project?

### **Our service offer:**

In G.A.C., we are committed to innovation, regional development and European and international cooperation. We create synergies between private and public actors to assist them in the development of their innovation and regional economic development strategies, the financing of strategic projects, the management and evaluation of their performance and acceleration of societal, environmental, and economic impacts. At the same time, we are passionate about European cooperation, enabling interregional policy learning between local and regional policymakers from across the continent.

Our overall mission, Innovation & Performance for Impact, is fulfilled by measurable and lasting results which positively impact the competitiveness of organisations, respond to major societal challenges and seek to facilitate international partnerships.

### **Our clients:**

- Public authorities, regional development agencies and public-private joint venture bodies, the world of higher education and research institutes
- European programmes and initiatives
- Cluster initiatives
- SMEs and large companies across all main business sectors in France and across in Europe

**To deliver our current project portfolio we are looking to strengthen our Innovation and Territories Team with an ambitious project consultant to be based either in our Sophia Antipolis (06) or Lille (59) offices but other options may be possible.**

The Innovation and Territory department, based in Sophia-Antipolis, is focused on supporting public sector players in three complementary areas: defining their competitiveness and/or innovation strategy, analysing the value and measuring the impact, and accelerating European and international cooperation.

We manage a portfolio of innovation and territorial development projects for French and European public authorities (regional authorities, local municipalities, national ministries, managing authorities of European programmes...), and we also manage direct contracts for the European Commission with projects financed by Horizon Europe, the Single Market Programme and Interreg Europe. Our missions cover a wide range of subjects: innovation, regional economic development and business parks, entrepreneurship, sectoral analysis, digital and environmental transition, etc.

For example, we manage the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform, a project for the animation of the Interreg community and the exchange of regional cooperation good practices between local and regional decision-makers from all parts of Europe. Publications, webinars, workshops, peer reviews – the list of services offered by our platform team is dynamic and diverse.

At the same time, we work on the strategic plans for French Regions: SRDEII (regional economic development, innovation and internationalisation plans), smart specialisation strategies ... We work with local authorities on their economic development strategies and the strategies for hosting companies (business parks, science parks, real estate, incubators, accelerators etc.). We support clusters and actors in the higher education sector in their strategic approaches, and in accessing European funding opportunities and networks (setting up and running projects).

To further develop and grow our portfolio of activities, we are looking to expand our team specialised in French and European regional development.

### **Your daily challenges:**

More specifically, your mission will consist of:

- Together with our two senior thematic experts, you support the implementation of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform by delivering targeted policy learning services on research and innovation policies to local and regional policymakers from across Europe. See: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-learning-platform>
- You provide consulting services on the topics of economic development, innovation and regional development.
- You support directors and project managers in the overall management of projects
- You ensure the quality and follow-up of projects
- You contribute to the company's marketing activities

Attached to G.A.C. office in Sophia Antipolis or the team in Lille, national and international travels are required.

### **Who are you?**

Holder of a Master in the field of economic and/or territorial development, European project management or an engineering degree in a relevant scientific area.

3 to 5 years of experience in regional economic development and innovation strategies either in a consultancy context or other relevant organisation.

Previous experience with European/international projects and/or experience working with local and regional authorities would be a plus.

You are fluent in French and English, a third language is a plus.

You have excellent writing and analytical skills.

You are comfortable delivering presentations and leading meetings.

You are familiar with office software.

You have the ability and motivation to work in a multicultural environment (different countries, subjects, types of actors).

### **Your assets to succeed in this position:**

You are a versatile and result-oriented person. You appreciate teamwork as well as demonstrate creativity, rigour, and precision.

### **Terms of employment:**

The position is based on a contract under French Law.

The assignment (CDI contract) will start as soon as possible. Regarding the daily office presence, the development of the COVID-19 situation will be taken into account and home working is possible.

**Remuneration package:**

The gross salary is expected to be in the range of EUR 35K – EUR 40K a year based on the full-time job. This package is open for negotiation according to your professional experience.

**Application:**

All applications should be submitted in English and include the documents below:

1. A clear and concise motivation letter highlighting the main reasons for applying to the position and why you see yourself as the most suitable candidate (max. 1 page)
2. A short Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages), focused on qualifications and professional experiences which are relevant for the position.

This documentation will form the basis of the initial stage of candidate assessment.

The applications are to be sent by e-mail to [recrutement@group-gac.com](mailto:recrutement@group-gac.com), [mpattinson@group-gac.com](mailto:mpattinson@group-gac.com) and [tkohlisch@group-gac.com](mailto:tkohlisch@group-gac.com). Please indicate in the subject /reference: « your name - Project Consultant – GAC-2022-PLP”.

The selected candidates will be invited to interviews.