

Job Description (Research and Knowledge Management Associate / Full time)

Fascinated by the world of impact, social enterprises and social innovation? Do you have what it takes to help generate more impact? Euclid Network (EN) is expanding the team and is looking for a new project officer to support with research and knowledge management!

Our mission – and yours?

Social entrepreneurs and impact-driven leaders are the world's frontrunners dedicated to solving societal challenges while running a sustainable business. We empower them to scale their positive impact and play a key role in paving the way for a socially inclusive, just and green society and economy in line with the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). We are an impact network of diverse organisations and changemakers that surface opportunities and remove barriers for social enterprise and social innovation. Our network consists of members that are national networks for social enterprises and social innovators, social funds, universities, research centres, accelerators and incubators across Europe and beyond. We collaborate with colleagues at leading impact organizations, such as the European Commission, the World Economic Forum Covid Response Alliance for Social Entrepreneurs, the UN Taskforce for Social and Solidarity Economy, Social Enterprise World Forum and ImpactCity, and with partners in the public and private sector, including SAP and Google.org amongst others. Frontrunners that help social entrepreneurs with capacity building, networking, funding, research and developing their business. Since 2007, we have managed 25 projects to a value of over 15 million EUR, and worked with 50+ partners from most European countries, the Middle East and Russia and globally.

EaSI and other strategic programs and special events

The EaSI partnership is at the core of our organisation. We work as strategic partner of the European Commission to build and strengthen the ecosystem on the demand side of social finance; the social entrepreneurs and social innovators and their support organisations across Europe and beyond. Within the EaSI program we support the European Commission in building the social enterprise community, ensuring knowledge exchange and best practices are shared beyond national borders, learning and research is set-up that enables evidence-based policy-making at European and national level through a deep understanding and availability of data on what is happening on the ground, the needs, challenges, barriers and opportunities of social entrepreneurs and social innovators and their beneficiaries.

Besides EaSI, our projects, campaigns and events include the Euclid Network Impact Summit, European Social Enterprise Monitor, the European Social Innovation Competition, BuySocial, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE), EU3Digital, PeerEx, MedUP!, Erasmus+ projects, amongst others. Our activities and events create a platform for international impact-driven organizations to present themselves, connect to the wider impact network, to investors, public officials, peers and exchange experiences to scale together. More information on www.EuclidNetwork.eu.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Head of Knowledge, Research and Development, the successful candidate will be expected to:

- Support Head in setting and executing the EN research and knowledge management strategy and development plan;
- Support Head in identifying and evaluating new research and knowledge management opportunities;
- Perform research activities regarding social entrepreneurship, social innovation, impact measurement, social finance and/or impact investing;
- Support management of research projects at European and national level. EN is leading, amongst other projects, a consortium of 50+ organisations, universities and sponsors driving one of the most promising and fast growing social enterprise research projects in the world, the [European Social Enterprise Monitor](#) (this year in 21 countries in 21 languages);
- Help to structure global and (EU-funded) research results on social enterprise and social innovation and identify research gaps to address issues encountered in practice and help to drive the EU and global research agenda. EN is co-leading, amongst others, the World Economic Forum Covid Response Alliance Data & Infrastructure Cluster work on Social Entrepreneurship research and data globally;
- Help further develop the knowledge strategy and online Knowledge Centre of EN, its members and partners and support a network of close to 300 researchers and experts in social enterprise and social innovation;
- Help identify and implement best practices to collect and disseminate EN, EN member and EN partner research and knowledge throughout the European network and beyond;
- Share and work on ideas on opportunities for business development of the research and knowledge management function and services for EN members;
- Assist in organizing EN events and/ or developing content for these events, specifically research related (such as the Euclid Network Impact Summit, European Commission and/or Social Enterprise World Forum Academic and Policy Forums)
- Support reporting on EN research and knowledge management and growth.

Desired skills and experience

- Excellent command of English (both written and spoken)
- Strong research skills. Excellent command of Microsoft excel. Understanding and work experience with Qualtrics survey software system, SPSS or R is desirable, not a must
- Critical and structural analytical thinking ability and strong writing skills
- Great attention to detail
- Ability to develop and manage functional knowledge management systems and knowledge-sharing platforms to accelerate learning within and outside of the organizations
- Ability to work both independently, remotely and with limited oversight and as a part of an international team
- Ability to deliver results against pre-defined targets
- Visible ownership, initiative, and resilience, strong pro-active mindset. Drive and determination to initiate action and achieve results quickly
- Accuracy in communications and follow-up
- Analytical multi-taskers who consistently meet deadlines and adapt well to change over the scope of a project or program
- European outlook, intercultural skills and international experience

- Preferably a prior understanding of social entrepreneurship, social innovation, impact measurement, social finance and/or impact investing, EU affairs and/ or a keen interest and ability to learn fast
- Prior working experience with the European Commission, European proposal writing is desirable, not a must
- Master's degree in a relevant field and/or track record in research and knowledge management (work related, volunteer and/or extra-curricular)

Benefits

- Work for a buzzing sector; social enterprises are the future
- Work purpose-driven to make a positive impact in the world
- Working on one of the most promising and fast growing social enterprise research studies in the world (the European Social Enterprise Monitor; this year in 21 countries)
- Be part of an expanding scale-up with a recognized track record since 2007
- Be part of an open and committed team
- Work in an international environment: international colleagues, international projects, international events
- Amazing offices at Apollo 14, The Hague, the new building for entrepreneurs who contribute to a better world through technological and social innovations
- Combine remote and in-person office days during the work week
- Enjoy space for own initiative

Pay and conditions

Remuneration will be between 25.000 – 27.000 EUR full-time equivalent per annum depending on experience. The position will be a full time (40hrs) contract. EN offers 30 days annual leave, regular working from home, a MacBook Air, iPhone and a pension scheme. From time to time, you will be required to work beyond usual business hours and to travel within Europe if the situation allows. The initial contract duration is set for one year.

How to apply

Please apply with a letter of motivation (1 page) setting out how you meet the essential criteria above, two references, and a CV (max 2 pages) in single PDF document latest Monday 6 December 23:59pm. Email us at wieteke.dupain@euclidnetwork.eu. Applications will be selected on a rolling basis for interviews. The appointed candidate will be expected to start as soon as possible, preferably in December, if and where current contracts allow.