

Job description – Project manager in Energy Efficiency and Advocacy (M/F)

RURENER is building its working team. If you are a convinced European, an enthusiastic believer in sustainable development and are looking for a fulfilling internship, here is your chance to join us!

The organization:

RURENER is a European network of rural communities engaged in the energy transition. Our vision is to build a European Union self-conscious of the potentials of its territories, and especially its rural territories, to realize the energy transition. By addressing the energy issues, we promote a transversal approach of rural development. Through our members' experiences and the monitoring of local impact of territorial energy and climate policies, we bring up the voice of rural territories to Brussels to make their voice heard and to foster the acknowledgement of rural territories' needs and potential in the conduct of the energy transition in European policies.

RURENER's main missions are:

- Promote the **sharing of good practices** and **concrete cooperation** between European communities
- Give these communities the **tools** to elaborate and conduct their **energy strategy**
- Promote **technical, organizational and social innovations** experienced in the field
- **Be the voice of rural European communities** in the fight against climate change

Tasks of the project manager:

In the fall 2019, new projects are getting started, in particular the COLEOPTER project (Local Consensus Building for the Optimization of Territorial Policies on Rural Energy) funded by the European programme Interreg Sudoe through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). This gives us the opportunity to build-up the team by hiring a project manager to work besides and in complementarity with our network coordinator.

The project manager will be involved in the administrative management of the COLEOPTER project. This project seeks to develop an innovative approach of energy efficiency in public buildings involving consensus building of local stakeholders. Thus, the project manager needs to be interested in consensus building as well as possess experience/knowledge in energy efficiency and public procurement processes.

The position is composed of three main components.

Expertise in energy efficiency

- Conduct and monitoring of the COLEOPTER project: Gathering of weekly reports from the partners, monitoring of the advancement of public procurement processes for the work to be conducted in the demonstrator buildings and informing the monitoring indicators to make sure the project meets its goals and deadlines.
- Collect/identification of existing pilot experiences on energy efficiency at the European level, in particular in the South West of Europe.
- Assist the conduct of consensus building sessions on the experimentation sites of the project (East of Creuse in France, Cartagena in Spain, Póvoa de Lanhoso in Portugal) by giving technical elements about energy efficiency (renovation work, eco-materials...)

European policies and regulations

She/he will be in charge of doing an ongoing watch on European policies and legislations on energy (in particular on energy efficiency). The identification of current and future European orientations will reinforce the impact of RURENER's projects by thinking ahead of their evolutions to always guarantee the exemplarity of projects, and by feeding these policies with concrete example from the rural territories of the network.

Administrative management and network moderation

The third component of the project manager's position is about administrative management of RURENER's activities, in particular concerning the COLEOPTER project in which RURENER is involved as project leader. This task will be conducted jointly with the network's coordinator and a certified public accountant for financial matters.

Finally, the project manager will be mobilized in the day-to-day life of the network according to his/her skills (organization of events, website, Facebook page, newsletter, etc) which will help him/her get familiar with the RURENER network and its members.

The project manager will be supported by the European coordinator of the network and the members of the RURENER network in his/her tasks.

Profile:

- Master 1 or 2 (or equivalent) in local planning, energy systems and energy efficiency, European affairs ; or any other relevant field to conduct the tasks described above;
- Technical knowledge on energy efficiency and public procurement processes;
- Knowledge/interest in European energy policies and legislations;
- Interest for consensus building and territorial dialogue;
- Leadership and good interpersonal skills;
- Fluent in French and English (written/spoken). Knowledge of any other European language will be valuable, in particular Spanish and/or Portuguese;
- Involvement in associations will be appreciated.

Contract and calendar: Open-ended contract starting in October/November 2019 (3 months trial period)

Place: Valence (26000) or Clermont-Ferrand (63000) in France (+ occasional trips in Europe)

Salary: 80% FTE (based on a brut salary at 1850€)

Application: If this job description meets your skills and interests, please send your CV and a cover letter at rurener@gmail.com before September 31st 2019.