
R&I Programme Manager for ESEIA Brussels Office

ESEIA is a leading European non-profit organization in the field of sustainable energy systems for climate neutrality. The alliance of research institutions, universities and companies based in Brussels and Graz comprises more than 20 members from Europe. More information on our website: <http://www.ESEIA.eu>.

For the ESEIA Brussels Office, we are looking for a R&I Programme Manager.

ESEIA Programme Manager

The European Sustainable Energy Innovation Alliance ([ESEIA](#)) is seeking an R&I Programme Manager based in Brussels to work in alignment with the ESEIA Director and Team.

Tasks and responsibilities:

- Maintaining strategic and working relations with Brussels based stakeholders in sustainable energy innovation in the EU (Commission, Parliament, respective agencies, and sister organisations);
- Organisational lead of ESEIA's Work Programme (with a focus on renewable energy innovation) and managing the respective processes;
- Coordinating ESEIA's Working Groups by mobilising members and partners, preparing proposals, co-organizing meetings and following up;
- Engaging in EU policy development and funding opportunities, keeping abreast of challenges, controversies, social consequences, and milestones related to (both demand-side and supply-side) use, production, transmission and storage of energy in Europe and beyond;
- Providing for the effective implementation and delivery of ESEIA activities in Education and Training through involvement of experts;
- Undertaking communications activities with the aim to build the profile of ESEIA coordinated by and in co-operation with ESEIA's communications staff.

Profile, skills, knowledge, experience, and qualifications:

- Relevant Master's Degree is required; with preferably a PhD in any field covered by ESEIA's Working Groups;
- Demonstrable extensive R&I policy understanding of both demand-side and supply-side technical, social, and market factors affecting the use, production, transmission, and storage of energy as well as relevant contemporary societal challenges and innovations;
- Proven Brussels experience needed to function well in Brussels circles;
- Familiarity with research and innovation interfaces at the EU level and the respective network of stakeholders;
- Experience in EU R&I programme and/or project management;
- Excellent organisational skills, including for evidence gathering processes.
- Proven ability to deliver projects on time, to budget, and to the agreed scope;
- Excellent near-native written and spoken English required, French is an asset, a third European language is a plus;

- Clear and confident communication skills, with the ability to interpret and convey policy-related ideas effectively to a range of audiences – from publishing articles to speaking at public events;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with a record of accomplishment in building and maintaining strong working relationships with members of ESEIA and external stakeholders across Europe and abroad;
- Residency in Brussels required and the right to work in the EU;
- Willingness and ability to both travel and work extensively online.

Our offer:

ESEIA offers a unique and exciting opportunity to work in Brussels with ESEIA experts and partners throughout Europe and abroad on wide-ranging renewable energy policy issues underpinned by research and innovation in a highly dynamic environment, with a contract under Belgian Law.

- Remuneration: An internationally competitive income is to be negotiated.
- Place of Work: Brussels
- Starting date: 1 January 2027
- Duration: 1 year (initially)

For enquiries, please contact the ESEIA Director Brigitte Hasewend, email: Brigitte.hasewend@ESEIA.eu.

Interested candidates are requested to send their CV and a motivation letter including R&I project portfolio to the ESEIA Secretariat **by 15 September 2026**, at office@ESEIA.eu.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place in Brussels in the second half of September.

ESEIA pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and value equal opportunities and diversity. In particular, individuals from under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.