



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB OFFER:** EIT Food Director Co-Location Centre (CLC) North-East

### **BACKGROUND - EIT Food:**

EIT Food is a consortium of 50 partners from leading businesses, research centres and universities across 13 countries. It is a people-centric and resource-smart transformer of the European food system, driving consumer confidence and improved global health. EIT Food's vision is to put Europe at the centre of a global revolution in food innovation and production, and its value in society. EIT Food will engage consumers in the change process, improve nutrition and make the food system more resource-efficient, secure, transparent and trusted. EIT Food has six strategic objectives: (1) Overcome low consumer trust, (2) Create consumer valued food for healthier nutrition, (3) Build a consumer-centric connected food system, (4) Enhance sustainability, (5) Educate to engage, innovate and advance, and (6) Catalyse food entrepreneurship and innovation.

EIT Food will boost the skills and entrepreneurial spirit in the sector and unlock the potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), which in turn will accelerate innovation, create jobs, benefit businesses and increase Europe's competitiveness. It aims to, among others: (1) Support the creation of 350 start-ups within seven years, (2) Train over 10 000 graduates from EIT-labelled Master and programmes over seven years, (3) Develop 290 new or improved products, services, and processes by 2024, and (4) Decrease greenhouse-gas emissions in the European food system by 40% by 2030.

The pan-European EIT Food KIC is headquartered in Belgium and its partnership brings together change makers in all relevant sectors and fields. EIT Food is well positioned to achieve the maximum impact on the challenges outlined above. The highly committed partnership will conceive, develop, evaluate and adopt new market-oriented approaches to innovation. It is structured around five Co-Location Centres (CLCs), *i.e.* in Reading (with partners from the UK, Ireland and Iceland), Warsaw (with partners from Eastern Europe and Nordic countries), Madrid (with partners from Spain, Italy and Israel), Leuven (with partners from Belgium, France and Switzerland) and Munich (with partners from Germany and the Netherlands).

### **Co-Location Centre (CLC) North-East:**

The CLC focuses on the concept of "happy food", linking nutrition to personal well-being and attitudes towards food. Countries from the CLC score particularly high on European life satisfaction surveys and the innovations introduced by the region's food system focus on adding value to a healthy lifestyle by valorising local unique raw materials. This balance between food and the environment, personal values of consumers and their emotional well-being can inspire the entire European food system. The CLC is highly qualified in bio-based and digital technologies, with access to state-of-the-art test labs, supercomputing centre and consumer behaviour research facilities. Through its network partners, the CLC has access to about SMEs, schools, agricultural farms, science exhibitions and consumer associations, which will be included in the future activities of EIT Food. The CLC is headquartered in Poland, and will connect partners from Nordic region and Central and Eastern European countries, including Maspex Wadowice Group, Valio, VTT, Polish Academy of Sciences University of Helsinki and University of Warsaw.



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### **JOB TITLE:**

CEO of CLC Legal Entity (CLC LE) (limited liability company, pl. *spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością*)  
Director Co-Location Centre (CLC) North-East

### **JOB TYPE:**

Full-time

### **LOCATION:**

Warsaw

### **TRAVEL FREQUENCY:**

Several times per month to the CLC countries and to different EIT Food locations across Europe.

### **SUPERVISOR / MANAGER:**

The CLC Director will report to the Board of CLC (as CEO of the CLC LE) and to the CEO of EIT Food as member of Management Team (MT) of EIT Food

### **MAIN DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Steer the Co-Location Centre Legal Entity (CLC LE) in an entrepreneurial manner, be the spokesperson of the CLC and lead daily operations
- Possess full responsibility for CLC legal entity
- Advance EIT Food brand and perception by your vision and its application
- Strategic business development of the CLC
- Develop a business strategy for the CLC in order to become in a mid-term financially independent from the EIT grant
- Steer the CLC aspects of the EIT Food Business Plan and manage the corresponding assets
- Building up the staff of CLC (Program Managers and Office Manager)
- Responsibility for the CLC staff
- High level representative of CLC towards the EIT Food
- Ensure and lead the cooperation with the core and network partners within the CLC
- Responsible for the strategic communication of CLC, especially for setting the EIT Food brand within the local food eco-system
- Coordinate financial, administrative and legal issues at CLC level
- Coordinate with his/her respective colleagues across the other CLC's and at EIT Food level in order to define, create and grow maximum synergies and opportunities for collaboration and for activity portfolio development, as well as to support the joint reporting and monitoring activities, required to fulfill EIT Food objectives



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### SKILLS & EXPERIENCE:

#### Qualifications:

- Relevant academic degree: Masters level or higher in a business or science discipline relevant for the food system or equivalent professional experience/qualifications
- Food innovation / business manager with minimally 6 – 8 years of experience in managing innovation units, with industry background
- Experience in university affairs, project management and public funding systems
- Proven ability to create and develop start-up businesses
- Academic background in food / business and knowledge of KIC / EIT structures and legal framework is a plus, but not a prerequisite

#### Experience:

- Strong experience in development and implementation of innovation / business strategies in interaction with universities, industry and research institutes
- Proven ability to lead a team of professional staff and engage a broad array of individuals
- Demonstrated experience in budget management and raising funds
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders

The following will be a plus for the application:

- Experienced in managing and operating a legal entity, including finance, HR and legal matters
- Strong experience in strategic planning and execution
- Strong experience in international collaboration

#### Skills:

- Extensive and relevant people network in the food sector
- Team worker with excellent leadership and communication skills that can operate on strategic level with national partners as well as with other EIT Food members
- Excellent communication and public relations skills
- Fluent English in speech and writing, ideally plus one other language, preferably Polish

#### APPLICATION:

Interested candidates should send their applications (including CVs and motivation letters) addressed to the Interim Supervisory Board of the CLC North-East, c/o Justyna Kulawik-Dutkowska, e-mail: [JKulawik@wz.uw.edu.pl](mailto:JKulawik@wz.uw.edu.pl), by May the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please include the following statement in your application: „I hereby authorize you to process my personal data included in my job application for the needs of the recruitment process in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act dated 29.08.1997 (uniform text: Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland 2014, item 1182, 1662)”. The successful candidate will be expected to start working for CLC North-East from July the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and take over the duties from the interim CLC director in July 2017.