

Fundraising Manager

Deadline for application **January 31 2022**; please include in your application responses to the questions at the end of this document.

1. Background

The Renewables Grid Initiative is a unique collaboration of NGOs and TSOs from across Europe. We promote transparent, environmentally sensitive grid development to enable steady growth of renewable energy and the energy transition.

As a member organisation for TSOs and NGOs, RGI facilitates the exchange of our members and further stakeholders to come up with

- a) new approaches on how to plan and build the grid infrastructure needed for the energy transition while defending environmental safeguards and fully recognising societal concerns related to the development of energy infrastructure and
- b) new and more progressive political positions on how to operate the electricity grid in a fast-changing environment.

RGI receives funding from different sources, including project grants, operating grants, and membership fees. The role will be on a full-time basis to support, enhance and implement a fundraising strategy, support the development and writing of proposals and coordinate the reporting and monitoring of RGI activities.

2. Specific tasks

The Fundraising Manager shall specifically work on the following tasks:

- Comply with the reporting requirements of existing grants.
- Coordinate the writing, monitoring, and reporting of RGI Business Plan and activities
- Contribute and develop further RGI's current approach/strategy to fundraising
- Identify additional funding opportunities and regularly update the fundraising map
- Enhance the understanding of how to apply to new programmes for RGI and how to propose project ideas to new potential private sector funders
- Coordinate the writing of new proposals internally and with potential consortium partners
- Manage the relationship with Donors/Grantees
- Provide ad hoc support to RGI projects depending on previous experience and interest

3. Qualifications

Candidates should have:

- working experience of at least three years, ideally with an international component.
- experience with fundraising, both with international and EU programmes, e.g., Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe and LIFE) and with private funders (foundations); ideally a relevant network.

- background knowledge on matters of stakeholder engagement in the field of large-scale infrastructure in the energy sector, with some understanding of planning and permitting procedures as well as nature protection measures.
- the availability to travel (nationally and at EU level).
- an ability to work independently and highly efficiently structure her/his own work; be a respected discussion partner for potential funders.
- excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; at least one further European language highly desirable.
- an ability to learn fast and to quickly understand new issues; convincing personality with strong capacity to build up trustful relationships.

4. What we offer

- We are a small but highly international and diverse team.
- We are growing and continuously inventing something new.
- We interact with partners in 11 different European countries.
- We work at the interface of the corporate energy world, non-governmental organisations, and the policy world.

5. Your application

Please address your application to Antonella Battaglini, the CEO of RGI, including your Curriculum Vitae, the responses to the questions below and a letter of motivation in which you indicate expected salary, first possible available date, and references. Send your application to jobs@renewables-grid.eu, indicating whether you are vaccinated against COVID-19, so we could plan personal interviews accordingly. Applications will be processed as they come, the post will remain open until we have found a suitable candidate.

The starting date for this post is as soon as possible. The contract will run for initially two years with the option of prolonging it. Our office is based in Berlin.

Only candidates with the required qualifications will receive feedback to their application.

6. Questions

Please give a structured example of how to develop a new funding proposal (maximum half a page).

You will have to develop a future fundraising strategy for RGI – what are the elements you look into and the steps to take? (maximum one page)