

Project Manager ‘Renewables and Grid Development in Italy’

Deadline for application December 15th, 2017; interviews will be run until mid-January; 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 develop of large infrastructure and
- b) new and more progressive political positions on how to operate the electricity grid in a fast changing environment.

Starting in 2018, a new set of activities will be added to the ones already covered by the organisation. For this purpose, RGI is recruiting amongst others a Project Manager ‘Renewables and Grid Development in Italy’.

2. Specific tasks

The Project Manager ‘Renewables and Grid Development in Italy’ will work on the following three modules:

1. Development and innovation of grids and renewable energies – support and drive the development of grid processes that are better aligned with stakeholder expectations with regards to the integration of renewables and to foster the exchange on grid development for the future with international experts.
2. Development of guidelines to integrate electricity grids in the environment and landscape – contribute to a process in which stakeholders can develop and test new approaches in the spatial planning and permitting of new powerlines.
3. Development of new benefit indicators of new infrastructure together with stakeholders.

For each of these modules, our local partners will contribute to developing new solutions and approaches. The Project Manager will secure RGI’s content contribution to all work-streams, by providing own feedback and/or collecting input from RGI colleagues. Moreover, the RGI Project Manager will play the role of a facilitator and moderator who will develop detailed work plans and support their implementation.

3. Qualifications

Candidates should have

- working experience of at least three to four years, ideally with an international component.
- an understanding of grid infrastructure (or similar) development across all phases (from need determination, to spatial planning, permitting and construction).
- ideally, an understanding of energy policy in Italy.
- background knowledge on matters of stakeholder acceptance in the field of large-scale infrastructure in the energy sector with some understanding of planning procedures and related communication.
- the availability to travel (nationally and at EU level).
- an ability to work fully independently and highly efficiently structure their own work; be a respected discussion partner for stakeholders from the TSO/private sector as well as from the NGO/non-profit sector.
- excellent written and verbal communication skills in both Italian and English.
- an ability to learn fast and to quickly understand new issues; convincing personality with strong capacity to build up trustful relationships.

A big plus: insights into the debate of European grid development in the context of the energy transition, incl. European energy policy, regulatory and market design matters.

4. What we offer

- We are a small but highly international and diverse team.
- We are young, 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 Executive Director 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. The deadline is December 15th.

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 offices are based in down-town Berlin.

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

6. Questions

Please give an example of you developing and/or managing a project. (maximum half a page)

Please reflect upon the very brief module descriptions above based on your relevant knowledge (from Italy or somewhere else). Please provide half of the answer in English, the other half in Italian, maximum one page in total.