

## Project Manager Marine Environment

Deadline for application December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Marine Environment.

### 2. Specific tasks

The Project Manager Marine Environment position is being created to primarily work on two tasks which will be partially financed by a LIFE operating grant for NGOs:

**Development of a 'Marine European Grid Declaration'** – about 40% of the envisaged grid developments at the European level will be marine developments. The Declaration will contain a set of high level principles on Electricity Network Development and Nature Conservation in the marine environment, similar to the European Grid Declaration published by RGI in 2011/2012 (see <http://renewables-grid.eu/publications/european-grid-declaration.html>). Its development requires the drafting of a first text together with a small task force and collection, alignment and integration of input from all members. The final Declaration will be promoted via distinct meetings, a public launch event and RGI communication channels.

**Setting up a project 'Marine guidelines and best practice exchange'** – RGI ran a workshop on seagrass protection in September 2017 and several RGI members voiced an interest to contribute to the development of guidelines and to engage in a regular exchange between different practices in several European countries. This general indication of interest has to be formed into a concrete project with partners. A funding proposal (likely a traditional project grant under the LIFE programme 2018) needs to be developed.

The candidate generally should be prepared to

- develop new multi-stakeholder projects (establishment of new collaborations)

- facilitate cooperation and collaborative processes leading to new solutions (similar to the role of a consortium manager) and
- document and disseminate generated insights across Europe.

### 3. Qualifications

Candidates should have

- working experience of at least three to four years, ideally with an international component.
- a background in relation to marine protection, awareness of environmental challenges related to infrastructure development and possible existing solutions.
- an understanding of relevant pieces of legislation: Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC; Maritime Spatial Planning Directive 2014/89/EU; EIA Directive (Directive 2014/52/EU); SEA Directive (2001/42/EC – SEA).
- 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.
- 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 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.

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](mailto: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)

Infrastructure development (including electricity grids) in the marine environment come with specific challenges. Please reflect upon issues of nature protection and with regards to permitting regimes. (maximum one page)