EIT ICT Labs seeks Chief Strategy Officer

EIT ICT Labs
EIT ICT Labs is one of the first Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC) set up by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), as an initiative of the European Union. EIT ICT Labs’ mission is to drive European leadership in ICT innovation for economic growth and quality of life. Since 2010, EIT ICT Labs has consistently brought together researchers, academics and business people. By linking education, research and business, EIT ICT Labs empowers ICT top talents for the future and brings ICT innovations to life. EIT ICT Labs’ partners represent global companies, leading research centres, and top ranked universities in the field of ICT. EIT ICT Labs consists of six Co-location Centres – Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Paris, Stockholm and Trento – and will turn these already excellent regional centres into world-class innovation hotspots. EIT ICT Labs receives up to 25 per cent of its financial support from the European Institute of Innovation & Technology. The remainder is provided by partners, external sources and self-generated. Find out more about EIT ICT Labs from www.eitictlabs.eu

Chief Strategy Officer
In support of its ambitious pan-European innovation and education goals, EIT ICT Labs is currently seeking a seasoned executive to spearhead the further development and implementation of its strategy. The CSO will join a highly collaborative management committee and play a major role in increasing the organization’s overall impact. This is an exciting opportunity for a thoughtful and resourceful senior leader and manager to help advance EIT ICT Labs innovation and education strength in ICT while creating unprecedented change on the people and communities it serves.

Place of employment
Brussels or one of the EIT ICT Labs Co-Location Centres (Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Paris, Stockholm, Trento)

Reporting to
CEO of EIT ICT Labs

Purpose of the Job
- Define the strategy of EIT ICT Labs
- Interact with Nodes and Partners on the EIT ICT Labs strategy
- Interact with EIT in specific meetings regarding strategy and KPIs
- Lead the process of the annually update of the Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA)
- Lead the construction of the annual call for proposals including the annual objectives in terms of KPIs as well as the review process of the submissions
- Lead the development of the overall ERB catalysts together with the Education, Research and Business Directors
- Organize the monitoring and impact evaluation of Action Lines and Nodes together with the Node Directors and Education, Research and Business Directors
- Identify opportunities for strategic relationships with global, EU and national level programs and initiatives related to the future information and communication society
Qualifications
- Senior strategist in ICT with 15 year track record in leading ICT organizations
- Strategic view on future development of ICT in terms of technology, innovation eco-systems, markets and impact on society
- Extensive experience in strategic planning and execution
- Hands-on experience on leading industrial R&D and bringing new technologies into commercialization
- Experience in international public-private collaborations
- Team worker with excellent leadership, management, and communication skills, and experienced in working with remote teams
- Hands-on mentality and able to translate strategy into operation
- Experience in ICT innovation ecosystems is considered as an advantage
- Higher Education Degree in ICT (PhD or similar)

Further
- The CSO reports to the CEO
- The CSO will operate from Brussels or one of the EIT ICT Labs Co-Location Centres
- The CSO needs to be prepared to travel between the EIT ICT Labs nodes
- The compensation reflects the importance of this full-time position

Languages
- Advanced English
- Knowledge of any of the languages German, Swedish, French, Finnish, Dutch or Italian is a merit.

Contact for further information
Willem Jonker, CEO EIT ICT Labs

To Apply
Please mail a resume and thoughtful cover letter, outlining how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position and stating how you heard about this opportunity to Willem Jonker, CEO of EIT ICT Labs, cso-new-position@eitictlabs.eu

Applications should be submitted before Nov 29, 2013.