

Smart Region Policy Advisor (PF14 – FEDER/EFRO: Brusselair)

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Deadline : 31/08/2026

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job identification

Job title

SMART REGION POLICY ADVISOR (PF14 – FEDER/ EFRO: BRUSSELAIR)

Context

BrusselAIR project (2021-2029) is funded by the ERDF and led by ULB and VUB, along with FARI, their Institute for AI for the Common Good (ULB-VUB). This project aims to position Brussels as a center of excellence in AI, data, and robotics for the common good. It is based on three pillars: AI training and awareness-raising, development of a sustainable innovation platform, and strategic coordination to ensure its impact. The initiative strengthens the Region's innovation capacity (particularly in policy research), and supports and promotes ethical and inclusive AI research projects.

- Multiple locations: FARI site (Cantersteen 16, Brussels)
- Interdisciplinary project in collaboration with the VUB

Essential missions

Contribute directly to the execution of the following ERDF deliverables:

- Activities related to the regulatory AI sandbox: supporting the establishment of a regulatory experimentation framework through exchanges, workshops and stakeholder engagement.
- Development of an EDS assessment tool: design an assessment tool linked to European data spaces, adapted to the Brussels context and available in French and Dutch.
- Support for digital twin data standards: supporting the adoption of data standards and good architectural practices for digital twin initiatives.
- Implementation of the AI framework: supporting the deployment of an online AI framework and the organization of associated workshops, in collaboration with the Brussels-Capital Region.

Research and funding:

- Initiate and lead research projects on local AI governance.
- Contribute to the drafting of public and official reports, peer-reviewed articles, and other scientific publications.
- Present and disseminate the results at conferences.

Informing decision-makers:

- Sharing expertise, based on scientific advances, with local public and private sector leaders to identify priority areas of investigation in AI, data and robotics to maximize economic and social benefits.
- Translate analyses and write operational strategic reports.

Develop strategies:

- In collaboration with FARI researchers, co-develop comprehensive digital innovation strategies focused on governance, regulation and implementation of AI and robotics technologies, by mobilizing scientific experts.
- To contribute with them to the development of roadmaps and strategic plans prioritizing sustainable and ethical use cases of AI.

Scientific monitoring:

- To ensure internal scientific and political monitoring in order to anticipate developments in AI and its interactions with public policies, governance and innovation.
- Sharing knowledge with colleagues and external stakeholders to foster informed decision-making. Promoting sustainable and ethical AI:
- Advocating for AI solutions that reconcile technological innovation with ethical, societal, and environmental considerations.

Profile

Level of qualification (*CESS, bachelor's , master's, engineering*) (*civil servant , doctor*)

Master's degree or higher

- Hold a master's degree recognized by the FWB in a relevant field
- People with a diploma not issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation or the Flemish Community will have to obtain an equivalence from the FWB: (<http://www.equivalences.cfwb.be/index.php?id=486>).

Type of training (*law, HR, IT, etc.*)

- Public policy, governance or European affairs
- Data science, artificial intelligence or engineering (with an interest in societal issues)
- Innovation, digital transformation, or interdisciplinary studies

Skills /Abilities

General knowledge and skills

- Ability to analyze the issues related to AI, data and robotics in a public policy context
- Ability to translate technical concepts into operational recommendations for decision-makers
- Experience or interest in AI governance (ethics, regulation, societal impact)
- Ability to contribute to strategic roadmaps and innovation plans
- Fluency in English and either French or Dutch is required . Trilingualism is an asset.

Job-specific knowledge and skills (required or desired: please specify)

- Ability to write reports, summary notes and publications (scientific or policy)
- Ability to simplify complex subjects for diverse audiences.
- Ability to present research findings or strategic recommendations
- Ability to synthesize information and analytical rigor

Behavioral attitudes (interpersonal skills) – Qualities (required or desired: specify)

- Strong analytical skills and critical thinking
- Autonomy and proactivity
- Political sense and understanding of public issues
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong interest in responsible, ethical and sustainable innovation
- Ability to navigate complex and interdisciplinary environments

Experience

- An experience related to:
 - public policies
 - technological innovation
 - AI / data / digital
- Experience in writing analytical or strategic reports or experience in advising decision-makers is highly valued.

Miscellaneous :

Additional training essential for performing the job:

No application

Experience requirements (in number of years and relevant experience): (see section above)

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