



Association Européenne pour l'Information  
sur le Développement Local a.s.b.l

## **Senior Expert in Rural and Territorial Development**

AEIDL, the European Association for Information on Local Development, is seeking an enthusiastic, highly motivated and experienced full time Senior Expert in rural and territorial development, to oversee six rural Horizon Europe projects in the field of rural development.

The successful candidate will manage and contribute to EU funded projects in the fields of food, agriculture, rural and territorial development policy (e.g. CLLD, and others). She or he will develop strategic direction from a policy perspective, identifying opportunities for high-value content activities across all projects, supporting the team engage in business development strategy.

### **Role and responsibilities**

The role also involves contributing to the design and implementation of research methods, designing and managing projects, partners and teams of experts as well as proposal and report writing. The candidate is expected to provide and communicate clear and focused intellectual and policy inputs to the development of both project proposals and project outputs, including the co-ordination of inputs and outputs (reports, summaries, blogs, articles, etc).

Most of the projects are conducted on behalf of the European Commission or related EU institutions and agencies. They often involve multiple partners. The candidate will also contribute to AEIDL's communication and outreach activities, including presentations at conferences and workshops. The candidate will collaborate with colleagues throughout AEIDL.



## Qualifications and experience

Essential	Desirable
Excellent (C1/C2) English academic writing skills (candidates are asked to provide their publications and/or academic works).	Good working knowledge of other EU languages.
Strong academic background, with a Master's degree or equivalent in agricultural economics, rural and territorial development, or related subject.	PhD studies (close to completion or completed) will be an asset.
Considerable relevant professional experience in the field of public policy research – in consultancy, academia, or social partners.	Experience in assessing public policies.
Relevant experience in project management, client satisfaction and team work, particularly EU funded projects (e.g. European Commission, Horizon Europe, etc).	Previous experience in developing research proposals and applying for funding at the EU or international level.
A very good knowledge and understanding of the functioning of EU institutions and key EU policies.	
Strong analytical skills, and excellent knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods for policy analysis.	
Ability and experience in communications, advocacy and networking.	
Minimum 5 years of relevant experience	
Willingness and enthusiasm to work on a wide range of issues.	



## **Application process**

If you would like to discuss the role before applying, please email Claire Jordan ([cjo@aeidl.eu](mailto:cjo@aeidl.eu)). To apply, please send your CV in English in the [Europass format](#) with a short cover letter to [cv@aeidl.eu](mailto:cv@aeidl.eu) with the subject line **Senior Expert (RTD)** by **25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted after the closing date.

## **Who we are:**

AEIDL was founded in 1988 by like-minded individuals who believed that European integration can make a positive contribution to citizenship and to the sustainable development of communities.

AEIDL's thematic expertise ranges from environment, sustainable territorial development; employment, migration and citizenship, to enterprise and integration, social policy, social innovation and public service modernisation.

The Association offers a range of professional services, including information management, web and digital communication; events, capacity building, and network animation; publications, social media and video services, as well as technical assistance, evaluation and consultancy services for a broad range of European contracts.

We are based in the heart of Brussels, hosting a diverse, international team of skilled, motivated and dynamic experts, delivering high-quality services to our clients.



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