

Assignment

Senior Project Manager with experience in leading large consortia to manage a project on circular plastics (8 hrs/wk average) for 4 years

Plastics are present in many aspects of our daily lives, finding use in diverse products. Plastics are light-weight, transparent and strong. They protect food from going to waste, they make vehicles lighter, which reduces the amount of CO₂ vehicles emit, and they make products durable. At the downside, plastic litter can be found all around the globe and destructs habitats, while the production relies on fossil resources and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. As a society, we need to rethink plastic. Plastics are not the problem, it is the way we design, use and get rid of it. Once plastics have served their purpose, used plastic should serve as the feedstock for circularity. This calls for concerted action to tackle plastic waste and ensure its recycling.

InReP: An Integrated Approach towards Recycling of Plastics

InReP is a project of the [Circular Plastics Initiative](#). The Circular Plastics Initiative aims to make plastics fully circular. To achieve this, it brings together organisations from every phase in the lifecycle of plastics. In the [InReP project](#), waste collectors, sorters & recyclers, chemical industry, end users and knowledge institutions join forces to develop technological solutions that make recycled materials which meet the (quality) standards of industry. The 36 partners from different European countries, will work in dedicated work packages to achieve the goal of the project:

Between 2025 and 2030 the availability of high quality and fit-for-purpose recycled plastics will have significantly increased by implementation of InReP's main result: the development of technologies in sorting, mechanical recycling and chemical recycling that make high quality recycled plastics available for two dominating polymer types in packaging: polyolefins (PE/PP) and PET.

The [InReP project](#) is funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, RVO, within the MOOI subsidy scheme, DPI is the project coordinator.

We are now looking for a firm and inspiring candidate to take up the position of **Senior Project Manager** for the InReP project. You will provide leadership, support and challenge across the partnership to ensure that the project will be successfully executed in line with project plan and the RVO requirements.

Tasks and responsibilities

- To create a trustful partnership in which all participants want and can cooperate with each other in a constructive manner (advocacy from an independent position).
- Working closely with the partners from the consortium, i.e. from industry, innovative SME's and knowledge partners, to realize the project goals and results against the ambitious timelines.
- Initiate project execution plan, start-up of work packages, ensure everyone is engaged and aligned.
- Secure coherency in the project by alignment between work packages with work package leaders. You organize (frequent) team meetings and secure meeting follow-up.
- Initiate and organize the day-to-day operation of the entire project in line with the established project plan.
- Monitoring and controlling project execution according to (commitments,) deliverables and plan.
- Represent Consortium to government subsidy agency w.r.t. contract and financial management.
- Secure reporting in line with requirements of the funding agent. Summarise & finalise semi-annual official reports to public funding agents.
- Check and follow up on financial contributions of the consortium to DPI.
- Keep project documentation up to date and available (central availability of reports, presentations, papers, etc).
- Communication & dissemination of project status and results to the consortium members
- Work in line with DPI way-of-working and values.
- Support and secure the consortium public communication strategy through execution of the project communication plan (e.g. through newsletters, events and other regular communication means).
- You will be reporting to the Cluster Director Plastics Recycling.

Profile

The ideal candidate is a senior project manager who has initiated, developed and executed technology-focused innovation projects in complex settings with multiple stakeholders for at least 5 years.

- You have a strong track record in leading technology innovation in process industry or technology development. You keep your stakeholders involved, informed and on track.
- You have proven (subsidy) project management skills, work structured, know how to achieve results on time and within budget. You have a strong track record in organizing and leading complex and large consortia, incl. representation of consortia with subsidy agents.
- You know how to lead and guide innovation activities and know how to be a supportive leader that gives guidance, especially when progress appears to be hard. You keep track of the overall goals and directions of the project.
- You have well developed social skills, organizational sensitivity and know how to apply influence without direct authority or power. You contribute to a sociable and pleasant work atmosphere and have a well-developed sense for relationships and team spirit.
- You are a strong communicator and know how to keep stakeholders informed and aligned within the project team and you have experience with positioning your work to outside stakeholders and the general public domain.
- You are an independent, smart, alert and fast thinker, intrinsically motivated.

Education

The candidate holds a master's degree in engineering, preferably polymer technology, or comparable technological domain and understands the societal impact of (polymer) technology.

Remuneration

Euro 90,-/hr maximum, depending on relevant skills and experience.

About the Circular Plastics Initiative

Valuing the advantages of plastic as well as acknowledging the issues that go with it, co-founders [DPI](#) and [ISPT](#) join forces with partners throughout the plastic value chain. Their mission: to boost circularity in plastics on an industrial scale and thus contribute to a world in which we rely on reusable materials only. The Circular Plastics Initiative addresses the entire value chain from an international perspective and focuses on the technological, logistic and societal challenges lying ahead. [More information](#)

About DPI

DPI is an international collaboration platform enabling industry to join forces in polymer research. DPI's research programmes, jointly shaped and jointly funded by its industrial partners, bring together the strategic needs of industry and the scientific capabilities of world-class scientists working at universities and research centres across the globe. In partnership with industry, DPI is currently starting initiatives to expand beyond its current programme areas (Performance Polymers, Polyolefins and Polymers for Oil & Gas) to address societal themes including Circular Economy, Health and Energy Transition. DPI is headquartered in Eindhoven (Netherlands), a city renowned as innovation hub. [More information](#)

Application and Inquiries

For inquiries, please contact Ronald Korstanje Cluster Director Plastics Recycling, by phone at +31 647 485 569.

Please send your written application and CV by email via vacancy@polymers.nl to Rosanne Peters (HR&O Manager) before **16-06-2021**, referring to Assignment Sr. Project Manager DPI 202105-1.

The application process may include reference checks.