**Midlands ICT Technical Adviser - Grade VII**

Fixed Term Contract up to 31st March 2026

Laois County Council, as lead local authority, (together with Longford, Offaly and Westmeath Local Authorities) for the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan Pathway for Just Transition project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund Programme 2021-2027 is recruiting a **Midlands ICT Technical Adviser.**

The Midlands **ICT Technical Adviser** will assist the Midlands ICT Network Manager for Work Package 3 - Delivery of the Midlands ICT Action Plan – and will contribute to the preparation of quarterly progress reports to the Regional ICT Steering Committee, Regional Chief Executives, quarterly meetings of the Directors of Economic Development & Planning of the Midland Local Authorities, and relevant Local Authority Strategic Policy Committees upon request.

The Midlands **ICT Technical Adviser** will support the Midlands ICT Network Manager in the preparation of an annual work programme in consultation with members of the Midlands ICT Steering Group and its constituent working groups, and provide updates to the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee.

The Midlands **ICT Technical Adviser** will also be responsible for the technical components of county and international, national, and regional networking, capacity building and promotional events in partnership with regional stakeholders to facilitate and encourage the growth and development of ICT sector, within the Midlands Region.

**Roles and Responsibilities -** The role is expected to evolve over time but will initially encompass:

* Project management and technical delivery of ICT research and innovation projects (National & European level) including stakeholder engagement, development of detailed project plans and reporting to monitor and track progress and impacts.
* Design and delivery of research (qualitative and quantitative – from data collection to analysis and reporting) related to enabling ICT innovation in key sectors of the Midlands regional economy through deployment of advanced technologies across identified sectors within the Midlands ICT Action Plan.
* Drafting technical reports (including briefings, desktop state of the art reviews, workshop insights etc.) related to ICT innovation (production process, product, business model) in the context of the evolving economy policy landscape
* Ability to identify research and innovation opportunities which support industry to deploy green and digital strategies and business models through deployment of advanced technologies and provide guidance on accessing potential funding opportunities.
* Identification and promotion of external funding opportunities, showcasing successful proposals and the assessment of research findings for potential commercial exploitation to contribute to the evolution of ICT in the Midlands

**Candidate Profile:**

**Minimum Essential Qualifications and required skills and experience**

* A QQI Level 8 degree in a relevant discipline - ICT, Environmental, Business or Engineering field
* 5 years’ experience working in Research or Industry
* Experience in leading technical project proposals, delivery and project management
* Experience managing & reporting on national and European funding schemes
* Proven track record to deliver impact to ICT sector through research projects and stakeholder management
* Proven track record of excellence in technical report writing
* Excellent organisational and analytical skills (qualitative and quantitative) with attention to detail
* Excellent communication (written and verbal) and presentation skills;
* Interdisciplinary curiosity and resourcefulness, including desire to broaden skills;
* Implement decisions of the Steering Committee and working groups established to progress the Midlands ICT Action Plan
* Ensure compliance with terms and conditions of EU JTF Funding
* Carry out all other duties as required and participate as a full member of the Laois CoCo MREP EU JTF project.

**Location:** The Midlands ICT Technical Adviser will be based in The Midlands Region.

**Payscale:** €57,675 - €74,978 LSI2

A panel may be created from which future vacancies may be filled.

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