

Technical Affairs Manager

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About UNIFE

Based in Brussels since 1992, UNIFE is the Association representing the European Rail Supply Industry at EU and international level. UNIFE gathers more than 115 direct company Members – from numerous SMEs to major industrial champions from all over Europe – active in the design and manufacture of rolling stock (i.e. trains, metros, trams, freight wagons) as well as rail signalling and infrastructure equipment. UNIFE also brings together national rail industry associations from 12 European Members States. For more information, visit www.unife.org or follow us on LinkedIn or X. UNIFE represents its members' interests at the level of both European and international institutions. The association is one of the supporting bodies to the European Agencies like the European Union Agency for cybersecurity (ENISA). UNIFE supports also the work of the European Union Undertaking and coordinates EU-funded rail research projects.

Job description

We are looking for a motivated Technical Affairs Manager, who will be mainly responsible for the coordination of UNIFE's activities in the respective fields of cybersecurity, European research & innovation, regulation, standardisation and technical railway legislation.

The main tasks and responsibilities include:

- Advise the UNIFE Head of Technical Affairs Unit on cybersecurity related issues
- Manage the day to day UNIFE's cybersecurity activities including the coordination of the UNIFE cybersecurity working group, the update and implementation of the UNIFE cybersecurity strategy
- Report to UNIFE decision-making bodies and working platforms
- Ensure the cooperation and exchange on cybersecurity with other railway and transport sector associations as well as cybersecurity platforms at European level (i.e. ER-ISAC among others)
- Act as interface between UNIFE and the European Commission, ENISA and ERA for cybersecurity topic
- Follow-up of cybersecurity standardisation activities (including activities at European and International level) and regulation activities
- Follow-up of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking cybersecurity activities
- Act as project manager and dissemination leader for EU funded research projects

The Technical Affairs Manager will represent UNIFE at various meetings/events. The Technical Affairs Manager reports to the UNIFE Head of Technical Affairs Unit.

Candidate's requirements

- University or Master's degree with at least 3-years professional experience
- Cybersecurity background, including knowledge on European cybersecurity regulations like the Cybersecurity Resilience Act and NIS-2 Directive
- Strong coordination/organisation skills and excellent written and verbal communications skills

- Rigorous, detail oriented and strong analytical skills
- The ability to build relationships with members and external stakeholders
- The ability to work both independently and closely with the members of the UNIFE Team
- Experience in the railway industry is an advantage
- Knowledge of key EU transport/rail issues is an advantage
- Knowledge of European railway regulatory and standardisation process is an advantage
- The candidate must be fluent in English
- Relevant experience in EU collaborative research projects is a plus
- The ability to live and work in Belgium

For this position UNIFE is looking for a dynamic, independent, team-oriented and creative person, willing to work in a small team and to travel abroad on a regular basis.

We offer

- A stimulating and dynamic international environment
- Opportunities to develop skills and understanding of rail transport and technology
- An attractive remuneration package suited to the candidate's education and experience

Application process

- CV (in EN) and motivation letter (in EN) to be sent to UNIFE Head of Technical Affairs nicolas.furio@unife.org by 28 June 2024
- Interviews will take place at UNIFE premises in Brussels
- Envisaged starting date: July 2024