

# Tasks of EU Affairs Manager

- You push forward the development ideas together with the actors of our energy ecosystem  
→ promoting the ideas all the way through to funding applications
- You take a clear role in building the project applications from ideas of the Vaasa region
- You provide support with
  - Building up consortia, eg. by finding suitable partners through your own networks
  - Writing up the applications: guidance, pre-assessment, and especially support to the main applicant with composition of the "management" and "impact" parts of the application
  - Budgeting of the task packages
- You recognise, follow, and communicate the most relevant funding opportunities, work programmes, and calls (at least for the energy technology, digitalisation, and automation fields), that are the most relevant for the region's innovation ecosystem and the universities. You are able to recognise and communicate these, and other relevant information.
- You help the ideators to find suitable funding programmes and proposals, case by case
- You follow especially developments within the Calls of the Horizon Europe missions
- You activate and raise interest locally, in cooperation with the other actors
  - Activation sessions, information
- You cooperate with WFEO, EUTI, VTT, and other relevant actors
- You participate in networking activities within Europe, according to the work plan
- You keep up your own knowledge and skills, and follow what is happening
- You make up your work plan for the task, together with the Steering GroupLaadit työsuunnitelman yhdessä Steering Groupin kanssa

# What we expect of the EU Affairs Manager:

- You have knowledge on how to build up and evaluate EU project funding
- You have experience of Framework Programmes (FP7, Horizon 2020), of both the application building, project work, and coordination
- You recognise what are the most innovative ideas in the R&D work of the Vaasa region, and can recognise what is viable enough to apply for funding on the European level
  - > You find the suitable calls, with the emphasis on the Horizon Europe Programme
- You have understanding of research and development work
- You understand the most important knowledge and skills in the region, as well as the priorities of the Universities in the region
- You are able to leverage your existing networks
- You also can build, and help build, new networks and work through them
- You have a skill to work with all key stakeholders in the region: Universities, companies, and other actors
- You have good communication skills, especially in spoken and written English