

UNIFE - The European Rail Supply Industry Association

Technical Affairs Manager – R&I/Project Management

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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 120 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 find us on [LinkedIn](#). UNIFE represents its members' interests at the level of both European and international institutions. The association is one of the official supporting bodies to the [European Union Agency for Railways \(ERA\)](#) and active in the standardisation field through its cooperation with CEN-CENELEC and ISO. In the field of Research and innovation, the association supports the work of the [Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking](#) and either coordinates or provide project management support for EU-funded rail research projects. We are working with interlocutors in a setting that is constantly evolving, requiring flexible communication strategies and adaptive mechanisms to effectively manage interactions and changes.

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 European research & innovation and project management, regulation, standardisation and technical railway legislation and potentially additional responsibilities as the role evolves.

The main tasks and responsibilities may include:

- The project management, dissemination, communication and exploitation activities for ongoing and future EU funded research projects, including proposal, grant agreement and projects phases
- The coordination of UNIFE's R&I portfolio according to his/her assigned area of responsibility and support the Head of Unit in the development and undertaking of UNIFE's R&I strategy
- The coordination of UNIFE's R&I committee including lobbying actions towards EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders, notably during the establishment of Horizon Europe 2028-2034
- The detailed monitoring of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (and its potential successor) activities and coordination of groups supporting the governance of the on-going joint undertaking
- Lead UNIFE's involvement in The European Rail Research Advisory Council (ERRAC)
- The co-ordination of other UNIFE's activities in the respective fields of European regulation, standardisation and technical railway legislation, where needed

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 in engineering or project management with at least 3-years professional experience.
- Relevant experience in EU collaborative research projects (e.g. Europe's Rail/Horizon Europe projects); project management; project communication & dissemination; significant experience in project management is a plus.
- Knowledge of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking and experience in the railway sector is an advantage.
- Strong coordination/organisation skills and excellent written and verbal communications skills.
- Rigorous, detail oriented and strong analytical skills.
- The ability to work both independently and closely with all members of the UNIFE team is a must
- 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 and possess excellent writing skills in the English language.
- 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 nicholas.shrimpton@unife.org
- Interviews will take place either at UNIFE premises in Brussels or remotely
- Envisaged starting date: January/February 2026