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As **Head of the Generative AI Program** (GenAI), you are the inspiring leader behind the development of R&D projects that make the transformative power of GenAI more accessible to Belgian companies from the technology sector. With your team of experts, you play an important role for the industry to help them apply this fascinating technology in their products and processes as a competitive advantage.

Your role

- Based on technology scouting, you identify potential for GenAI innovation in the market.
- In collaboration with the Business Unit Manager and internal experts, you translate the market needs into strategic visions and a project portfolio. Subsequently, you draft convincing business cases for the submission of concrete R&D projects. Sirris works a lot in partnerships. You play an important role in setting up and developing these partnerships, anchoring Sirris' interests and providing technical input.
- You are line manager for an autonomous team of Project Managers/Senior AI Experts. This team will grow substantially over the next two years (up to around 15 team members). You recruit new talent and encourage the development of knowledge and skills of your team members, balancing personal professional growth and the requirements for (future) projects.
- You oversee ongoing R&D projects in various stages of development with a total budget of around EUR 1 million on an annual basis. This includes resource planning, complex stakeholder management, escalation support and P&L management.
- At (inter)national events, network meetings or meetings with (potential) customers or partners, you are Sirris' ambassador for the GenAI program. Your storytelling is compelling and adapted to your target audience, building awareness of GenAI's potential and fostering confidence in Sirris as a high-tech knowledge center.
- To develop expertise in the sector and to firmly position Sirris' work in GenAI, you encourage the team, in collaboration with Marketing & Communications, to speak at conferences, publish articles and develop educational initiatives (workshops, webinars, seminars, masterclasses, etc.).

Who are you?

- 12+ years' experience in Program/Project Management in a business & IT environment. Strong interest in new technologies, familiar with Machine Learning and AI techniques.
- A relevant Master's or PhD degree in Computer Science, Data Science or similar background.
- Well-rounded leader of knowledge workers in a complex, project-based environment. You are recognized as a sparring partner and technology sounding board.
- Strong and passionate in connecting people, ideas and visions.
- Strategic do-er, conceptual and analytical, but also an approach characterized by business acumen, you are able to win client projects.
- Experience with subsidized projects (at regional/Belgian/European level) is a plus.
- Knowledge of P&L accounts and HR processes.

- A clear, persuasive communication style, both internally and externally.
- You are able to travel regularly in Belgium to visit our clients and partners and to attend various events for project or network meetings or to participate in seminars. This makes you a visible ambassador, representing and promoting Sirris' GenAI activities throughout the country.
- Fluent English, and fluent Dutch or French with sufficient knowledge of the other national language, is an important advantage.

Our offer

- At Sirris, innovation and collaboration are key. You will work in an environment where technological progress and sustainability go hand in hand. Together we make companies ready for the future.
- An exciting and unique position within a dynamic and innovative team.
- The opportunity to work with leading companies and technology experts who are at the heart of the industrial fabric in Belgium.
- A stimulating environment where you can further develop your expertise.
- Flexible working hours and the opportunity to work in one of our offices in Belgium or partially from home.
- A competitive salary package with fringe benefits.

Interested?

Send your CV and cover letter via our online application tool. Would you like more information about the position? Do not hesitate to contact

Together we build the innovations of tomorrow!

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