

## **VACANCY**

***The Netherlands Enterprise Agency and the embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Stockholm are looking for an***

***Innovation, Technology and Science Advisor  
for 30 hours per week***

### **Introduction**

The Netherlands is a world leader in science, technology and innovation and ranks high in the global competitiveness index. The Holland Innovation Network aims to support this position as an innovation leader and to strengthen the global economic competitiveness of The Netherlands. The main role of the Holland Innovation Network is to act as a liaison for international innovation, R&D and S&T collaboration for Dutch industry, academia and government through its Innovation Attachés/Advisors (IAs), who are located in Dutch embassies and consulates in 15 countries world-wide. The Holland Innovation Network is managed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl) and commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs.

### **Job description**

The successful candidate will lead in forging and developing bilateral innovation, technology and science collaboration between industry, the research community and public sector in the Netherlands and Sweden and inform Dutch policy makers about relevant policy developments.

In practical terms this will include:

- fostering collaboration in Innovation, Technology and Science between industry, the research community and relevant parts of the public sector in Sweden and the Netherlands;
- identify, initiate and develop high quality and sustainable Dutch-Swedish innovation, technology and science partnerships that focus on common policy, research and innovation priorities; this is done a.o. through organising visits, seminars and matchmaking events;
- pro-actively represent opportunities in Sweden to the Dutch innovation and research community and vice versa, providing information and advice about the Swedish innovation, technology and science environment and developments therein;
- answer questions from the Dutch innovation, technology and science community about opportunities in Sweden;
- facilitate network- and matchmaking activities that aim to connect parties from Swedish and Dutch innovation, technology and science communities;
- take the lead on visits from the Netherlands to Sweden, relevant to innovation, technology and science, these vary from fact-finding trips to (high-level) political delegations;
- represent the Dutch public sector in Sweden and develop and maintain a broad, active and relevant network of senior level contacts on both sides;
- the Innovation Advisor is part of the economic team at the embassy and the candidate is expected to maintain a good working relationship with other colleagues in the economic team who are working on business development, investment and trade promotion;
- support of 'public diplomacy' through the use of social media like LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.

### **Job Requirements**

- relevant working experience in an international setting with knowledge institutions, (semi-) government or industry in the area of innovation, technology and/or science;
- university master's degree, preferably in engineering or natural sciences;
- proven experience and affinity with the Swedish and/or Dutch innovation, technology and science ecosystem and an interest in policy developments therein;
- analytical mind able to translate complex issues into concrete opportunities;

- excellent language skills in Swedish and (preferably) Dutch;
- ability to set priorities, work quickly and reliably on several tasks, with attention to detail and with limited supervision;
- enthusiastic team-player with a positive, pro-active work attitude and collaborative mind set;
- intercultural and political sensitivity and a well-developed feeling for working in a diplomatic environment;
- outgoing networker with excellent social and communication skills.

### **Working conditions**

The successful candidate will be offered a local contract in pay scale 9 of the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs, initially for the duration of one year. A decision to extend the contract depends on job performance and the extent to which the Innovation Advisor is able to prove his/her added value to the Holland Innovation Network and the embassy after two years.

### **More information**

For more information please contact:

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- in the Netherlands: Mr. Bart Sattler, coordinator Holland Innovation Network at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, +31 (0) 88 602 1989, [bart.sattler@rvo.nl](mailto:bart.sattler@rvo.nl);
- See also <http://english.rvo.nl/>, <http://sweden.nlembassy.org/locations/embassy-in-stockholm.html> and <http://www.ianetwerk.nl>

### **Applications**

Interested candidates are requested to send a cover letter and CV **before Sunday, February 19** to [govert.visser@minbuza.nl](mailto:govert.visser@minbuza.nl) and [bart.sattler@rvo.nl](mailto:bart.sattler@rvo.nl)

This job vacancy will be published both in Sweden and the Netherlands. The Netherlands Enterprise Agency and the embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will jointly review, interview and decide about the selection of the best available candidate.