



Role: Architecture & Strategy Lead

Area: Gas Networks Ireland

Sub-Area: IT

Location: Cork

Duration: Permanent

Salary: Competitive

Ref: 028N19

Ervia is a commercial semi-state company which provides strategic national gas and water infrastructure and services in Ireland. Through our regulated business, Gas Networks Ireland, we build and operate one of the most modern and safe gas networks in the world. In 2014, we took responsibility for the operation and maintenance of Ireland's water and wastewater assets through our other regulated business Irish Water. Ervia directly employs over 1,600 people who deliver services to 1.6 million customers daily. We are guardians of the national assets and experts in our field. Our infrastructure supports economic and social development, protects the environment and enhances the health and quality of life of the Irish people.

The Role:

The Gas Networks IT Department provides IT services and support to the wider Gas Networks Ireland business. The IT Strategy and Business Partnering team are responsible for the management and oversight of the operational performance of IT, as well as ensuring that the IT strategic vision and roadmap for IT is aligned with the strategic objectives and priorities of the Gas Networks Ireland Business.

Reporting to the IT Strategy and Business Partnering Manager, the IT Architecture and Strategy Lead will have responsibility for the IT Strategy and Architecture within Gas Networks Ireland IT. This role will require close engagement with the Gas Networks Ireland IT Business Partners, the Gas Networks Ireland Business and colleagues within Ervia Business Services and Group centre. The successful candidate will be expected to own the definition and execution of key IT strategies (some of which will include Cloud, Digital, Mobility, Data, End User Computing and Operational Technology), and to ensure these strategies support key Gas Networks Ireland business objectives and strategy.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Understand the wider strategic organisational vision of the Gas Networks Ireland business with a view to defining and implementing IT strategies, services and processes aligned with the GNI business strategy.
- Develop and deliver on a long term strategic vision for Gas Networks Ireland IT, and support it with relevant strategies and roadmaps to guide the delivery of same.
- Work closely with other Enterprise and Solution Architecture teams across the wider Ervia IT team to ensure alignment, where feasible, with overall IT Strategy, processes and procedures.
- Advocate and promote innovation across Gas Networks Ireland, as well as drive the adoption of emerging IT technologies (Cloud, End User Computing, Artificial Intelligence/Machine learning, etc) to deliver value and meet Gas Networks Ireland's current and future business demands
- Acting as a trusted Strategic IT advisor and subject matter expert to key business stakeholders within Gas Networks Ireland, as well as to the Gas Networks Ireland IT management team.
- Provide Enterprise Architecture governance and oversight to key Gas Networks Ireland Projects and Programme deliveries, to help ensure alignment with existing Ervia & Gas Networks Ireland enterprise standards, policies and strategies.
- Develop concise and cohesive technology strategies, roadmaps and associated business cases.
- Build strong relationships with peers within Gas Networks Ireland IT, Ervia Business services IT, as well as within the Gas Networks Ireland Business.
- Represent Gas Networks Ireland IT at required architecture governance forums.
- Positively and proactively support and promote Ervia and Gas Networks Ireland IT strategies with key Gas Networks Ireland business stakeholders.
- Other duties as required from time to time.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Minimum of 10 years' IT Architecture experience along with a relevant third level qualification is essential.
- A minimum of 4 years' experience in an enterprise architecture context, formal certification would be an advantage (for example TOGAF) as would knowledge and experience across architecture disciplines, processes, concepts and best practices.
- Ability to demonstrable experience across multiple architecture domains (infrastructure, data, applications, integration, cloud, mobile, end-user computing and solution architecture).
- A good understanding of, and relevant experience of, the end to end IT lifecycle including IT Strategy, IT Delivery, and IT Operations
- Experience in the promotion and use of cloud technologies, definition of cloud strategies and in architecting solutions for the cloud an advantage.
- Experience in the definition of Enterprise wide IT strategies in areas such as Data/BI, End User Computing, Mobility, Digital and IT/OT Convergence.
- Proven track record of driving and leading large-scale architectural projects across the IT Delivery lifecycle.
- Extensive Solution architecture and design experience.
- A proactive approach towards IT analysis and research, and is always looking to develop market knowledge of new and emerging technologies that could offer value to business functions
- Experience in facilitating the implementation and acceptance of large technology changes within the Business.
- You have demonstrated strong understanding of developing and maintaining key stakeholder relationships within industry, influencing direction to inform outcomes to achieve business goals and create opportunities e.g. energy regulators etc.
- You will be a compelling communicator with the ability to influence and motivate others.
- You will be a strong advocate for change and constantly seeking out opportunities to create efficiencies and improvements.
- You will have a track record of achievement of key results and will have demonstrated ability to accelerate these results through others.
- You will have strong decision making capabilities which is based on strong technical or functional understanding.

The closing date for receipt of applications for this vacancy is the 22nd March, 2019

Applications, including a current Curriculum Vitae should be emailed to: recruit@ervia.ie

Please include the Reference Number for this Role when making an application