



Role: European Affairs Manager
Area: Gas Networks Ireland
Sub-Area: Regulatory Affairs Dept.
Location: Cork

Duration: Permanent **Salary:** Competitive **Ref:** 019N19

Gas Networks Ireland is the business division of Ervia that owns, builds and maintains the natural gas network in Ireland and connects all customers to the gas network. Gas Networks Ireland is committed to growth, innovation and sustainability and continues to be a major employer in Ireland, providing a dynamic and modern place to work. Ervia is a commercial semi-state multi-utility company with responsibility for the delivery of gas and water infrastructure and services in Ireland. The organisation builds and operates one of the most modern and safe gas networks in the world, and through Irish Water, the national water utility, provides safe, clean and affordable water and waste water services in the Republic of Ireland.

The Role:

The Regulatory Affairs function within Gas Networks Ireland is responsible for the delivery of Market Operations, Market Development, implementation of EU Energy Market Regulations and Directives, as well as the strategy to deal with ongoing Regulatory compliance.

Reporting to the Regulatory Framework Manager, the European Affairs Manager will work closely with key Regulatory and European Gas Market stakeholders to ensure that all the EU Directives, Regulations and Network Codes are adopted in a timely and efficient manner. Leading a team of three people, a key challenge in the role will be to further develop the Company's strategic presence and interactions with key European Industry, Legislative and Regulatory stakeholders (ENTSO, GIE, ACER and the EU Commission) in the context of an evolving and changing energy market in Europe. A critical success factor in the role will be the ability to forge and maintain strategic relationships with internal and external stakeholders to help deliver GNI's strategic objectives.

Please note the role will involve regular travel to Brussels (typically one trip per month).

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Monitor and manage EU market developments and EU legislative change activities, considering the impact on Gas Networks Ireland.
- Lead the GNI European team to increase GNI's presence in Europe, pro-active engagement to influence policy to support GNI's strategic objectives and Irish gas market interests.
- Responsible for delivery of the EU Stakeholder Management Plan, ongoing monitoring of performance across the wider GNI business and review on a periodic basis. Undertake regular SWOT analysis of GNI's positioning in Europe.
- Provide a dedicated on-going focus on European issues post-completion of Network Codes implementation and in preparation for the 2020 Gas Package.
- Responsible for developing and maintaining key EU stakeholder relationships including ENTSOG, GIE, Eurogas etc. Note this role will include regular travel to EU meetings in Brussels.
- Management of secondees in Europe including development of a strategy for ongoing engagement.
- Ensure European Affairs activities are aligned with Gas Network Ireland strategic objectives.
- Work across the Networks organisation with other functions as appropriate, on European issues and opportunities.
- Provide regular updates to CRU, DCCAE and GNI Management on material European developments.
- Responsible for the identification of EU funding opportunities and co-ordination of funding applications in conjunction with other functions as appropriate.
- Benchmark GNIs European Affairs model against equivalent pipeline operators across Europe.
- Other duties may be assigned from time to time.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Relevant qualification such as Engineering, Law or Business Degree or equivalent
- A minimum of 8-10 years relevant experience.
- Previous experience of the EU Gas Market and EU legislative change process a distinct advantage.
- Previous experience with initiating and maintaining strategic relationships both internally and externally, using strong influencing skills to achieve business goals.
- A good understanding of business operations and the commercial viability and impact of technical / professional decisions on the performance of the organisation.
- Driver of high standards for individual, team and organisational accomplishment and delivering desired results.
- Provide coaching in the development of the technical skills and abilities in others.
- Proven track record of dealing with complex issues, proactively and in a timely fashion, along with the ability to communicate complex information to others.
- Be proactive, results oriented and have a track record of sustained high performance.

The closing date for receipt of applications for this vacancy is the 7th 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