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### **European Blood Alliance (EBA)**

The European Blood Alliance is a voluntary association of blood services currently in 26 Member States of EU or EFTA, representing 17 million blood donations annually, and has a budget of about €500,000.

The MISSION of the EBA is to contribute to the safety, security and cost effectiveness of the blood and tissue supply for the citizens of Europe by developing and maintaining an efficient and strong collaboration amongst European blood and tissue services.

The Alliance has four Strategic Objectives: to promote voluntary non-remunerated donations (VNRD) of blood and blood components and self-sufficiency from VNRD; to improve performance through collaboration; to support national and European authorities to promote best practice and; to facilitate information collection and knowledge exchange.

### **EBA is searching for a part-time Medical Director.**

EBA is looking for an experienced individual with medical and blood service background and practise to serve as a part-time Medical Director of EBA, to bring her/his expertise as a support to the members and the EBA secretariat. He/she will report to the Executive Director (ED) and will work in close collaboration with her, preferably in Belgium or, through regular visits and meetings if the person is not based in Belgium. The job description and person specification are given below.

The Medical Director **key goals** are:

- Supporting the EBA membership by sharing technical and medical information in relation to blood services,
- Contributing to EBA strategy and policies in close collaboration with the ED, President and Executive of EBA,
- Implementing activities as set in the strategic and yearly plans, in close collaboration with the ED and EBA secretariat,
- Representing EBA together with the ED when medical expertise is sought, in meetings and in collaboration with other stakeholders, including EU institution representatives,
- Acting as a facilitator of knowledge exchange on technical and medical matters, among EBA members and within working groups and projects.

### **Person specification**

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate achievements in the field of blood services, and have a thorough knowledge in transfusion medicine, donor management and health, as well as be able to work with a diversity of profiles, nationalities and culture. A track record of networking and interacting with blood services from various countries would be a bonus. This post would ideally suit a person who has a well-established career, willing to work part time, and involves frequent travels mainly in Europe.



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Additional areas of expertise are as follows:

- Communication skills both oral and written, needed for networking, informing and influencing and liaising with member states and (global) organisations and in writing articles for EBA
- Fluency in spoken and written English is essential
- Alert to changes and developments in the blood services and transfusion field and able to understand the impact of changes to the EBA Membership
- Knowledge and interest in blood, tissues and cells legislation and current guidelines in EU and members states

Tasks will include, but not limited to:

- Present EBA's medical and technical positions in scientific or stakeholder meetings
- Draft medical and technical position papers for the review and approval of the EBA Executives and Board in collaboration with other experts
- Comment any new pieces of EU legislation or guidance in the field of blood, tissues, cells and advanced therapies in collaboration with other experts
- Contribute to ad-hoc stakeholder meetings within EU Institutes
- Represent EBA in international medical and technical working groups/parties
- Facilitate teleconferences and meetings of EBA working groups
- Follow developments in the field by reviewing literature, networking and participating in conferences and report back to the EBA Membership

#### **Practical information**

- Part-time, 15-25 hours/week to be agreed upon
- Starting date preferable in January 2019
- Salary range: €60.000 – 70.000 gross/year, depending on the seniority within the field and specific experience

#### **Applications**

- The closing date for applications is 15 November 2018. Interviews will take place in December 2018.
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