

European Patent Attorney

Ghlin, Belgium



The Opportunity:

You will join an international team of experienced patent attorneys working for a leading engineering company in a highly enriched field of science. You join a company which is recognized for its innovation but which is also evolving to meet the demands of new technologies impacting the industry. With this respect, Vesuvius is currently investing in a new R&D excellence center located in Ghlin, south of Belgium. Vesuvius has a long history in research and the culture transcends the entirety of the company. With innovation at the heart of the business, there is a need for an experienced and professional IP team to protect and manage the company's intellectual property rights.

The business is breaking ground in new technologies, ranging from robotic automation through to digital service support. The IP Department is looking to you to join their team and take a leading role in growing and taking ownership for a patent portfolio in the technical fields of mechatronics, automation, data analytics, CII (computer implemented inventions) and digital science.

The Role:

- Reporting to the Intellectual Property Manager, you will be tasked with taking a leading role in establishing patent protection for a new and growing area of the business within robotics and digital technologies.
- You will be the inhouse expert in this exciting field of science where your internal clients will need educating and informing on IP-related matters within your field of domain.
- The tasks will be diverse with the primary objective to realise an asset in the IP you generate, so that this can then be utilized in later negotiations and when contentious matters arise.
- You will need to gain a broad appreciation of the competitors within the industry but equally further afield in aligned industries. You will be the lynchpin for IP to the businesses you support and the many stakeholders within R&D, Business Development, Project Management and Legal.

Professional Qualities:

- You come to this position having successfully completed your EQE, ideally with three years post qualification experience.
- Ideally you will have a master's degree in mechanics, mechatronics, metallurgy, physics, computer or digital sciences.
- Coming with in-house experience will be of benefit as you will quickly understand the daily challenges impacting the position. Conversely, the role would also suit someone who has worked for private practice.
- You will be fluent in English; knowledge of another language is a plus.
- Knowledge and experience of working in trademarks would be desirable but is not essential for the role.

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