

AISBL CEO Job Description

Start date: 1. December 2019 or to be discussed **Deadline for application:** position open until filled
Activity rate: 100%

1. Context:

The [Human Brain Project](#) (HBP) is a EUR 1 billion European scientific research initiative to improve our understanding of the brain and the role it plays in making us human, and to exploit the opportunities offered by the resulting knowledge. With more than 500 scientists from 131 European [partner institutions](#) across 19 Member States, the HBP is one of the largest projects ever funded by the EU. The HBP is one of several major brain research initiatives and projects around the world, and was one of the first of this kind.

The HBP Ramp-Up Phase (2013-16) and its first operational funding period (2016-18) have laid the foundation and first elements of the world's first integrated infrastructure for academic and industrial brain research and development, including a public release of six prototype Platforms for initial user testing in March 2016. These support neuroinformatics, brain simulation, high-performance analytics and computing, medical informatics, brain-inspired computing and linking of simulated brains to robotic bodies. The current phase will see the individual infrastructure platforms extended and integrated into a single [HBP Joint Platform](#) (HBP-JP). The JP will make HBP services accessible to the outside world in a single user-friendly, integrated and networked portal. It will also make the HBP -JP more robust and improve the user experience, encouraging wider use of its tools and data. With this, there must be a shift from supplier-driven to user-driven capabilities, while the infrastructure underpinning them will be tied closely into existing EU research infrastructure efforts.

The newly created "Human Brain Project Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif", or HBP AISBL, will become the coordinating entity of the HBP. As such, it is to coordinate the HBP and drive the construction and operation of its European research infrastructure for brain research, on behalf of its members.

EBRAINS is now recruiting its Chief Executive Officer. The CEO reports to the EBRAINS board of Directors and heads the EBRAINS Management Board, in which, together with the Chief Information Infrastructure Officer (CIIO) and the Chief Science Officer (CSO), key management decisions are made. The EBRAINS CEO will also be the HBP Director General.

2. Your mission:

The CEO is the Chief Executive Officer of the HBP AISBL and is based in Brussels. The CEO reports to the board of Directors of the AISBL. The CEO heads the AISBL Management Board, in which, together with the Chief Information Infrastructure Officer (CIIO) and the Chief Science Officer (CSO) of the AISBL, the key management decisions of the AISBL are made. The AISBL CEO will also be the HBP Director General.

The CEO will be responsible for leading the HBP AISBL in achieving its objectives by promoting, supporting, and coordinating science in the field of brain research through the creation and operation of a European-led, cutting-edge, ICT-based scientific and medical research infrastructure. As the HBP Director General, she/he will also direct the management of HBP as a EC FET Flagship project and guide the HBP through the transition from a EC FET Flagship to an enduring European research infrastructure.

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3. Main duties and responsibilities:

- Lead the management board of the AISBL in compliance with the statutory and legal requirements of the Statutes, By-Laws and the decisions of the Board of Directors and General Assembly.
- Regularly report to the Board of Directors on the management of the AISBL and the research infrastructure.
- Lead the formulation of proposals for decisions to be submitted by the Board of Directors to the General Assembly.
- Develop the strategy of the Association with the CSO and CIIO, for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Lead the execution of strategic policies of the AISBL, give shape to the objectives of the AISBL, and propose future priorities and adopt pro-active plans.
- Lead the management of the intellectual property rights and assets of the AISBL and the research infrastructure, in coordination with the technology transfer offices of the Members.
- Actively engage with the user base of the research infrastructure and make it grow.
- Interact with the European Commission, national, and private funding organizations to secure funding for the AISBL.
- Be a spokesperson for the AISBL and for HBP. Communicate with public and private stakeholders and lobby for the AISBL and for HBP.
- Initiate and drive collaboration with partners in science, clinics, industry and society.
- Support the HBP research infrastructure on its way to the ESFRI roadmap together with the CSO and the CIIO
- As the HBP Director General, you lead, organize, and chair the HBP Directorate and its activities, you function as the HBP Directorate's liaison with the EC and represent the HBP at the AISBL Board of Directors and General Assembly.

4. Reporting practices and interactions with HBP and AISBL bodies:

- The CEO reports to the AISBL Board of Directors.
- The CEO chairs the AISBL Management Board.
- In the frame of the HBP, the CEO, who also serves as HBP Director General, chairs the HBP Directorate and reports to the HBP Stakeholder Board.

5. Competencies and requirements:

- Proven track record in the management of a sizeable technology project, company, organization, or research infrastructure. Scientific expertise in HBP-related areas is desirable.
- Extensive experience in developing profitable strategies, implementing vision, and in leading large matrixed organisations.
- Expertise and experience in IT structure or platform construction and management.
- Good understanding of IT and tech industry best practices.
- In-depth knowledge of corporate governance and general management best practices.
- Demonstrable management and negotiation skills in an international context.
- A history of quickly gaining credibility with key stakeholders in a global business.
- Experience and network in the EU institutions and with the European Commission.
- Perfect written and spoken English, as well as at least one other major European language.

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Candidacies can be sent to CEO_candidature@ebrains.eu, and must include curriculum vitae, letter of motivation, and if relevant a list of publications.