# Managing Director Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative - EMIRI





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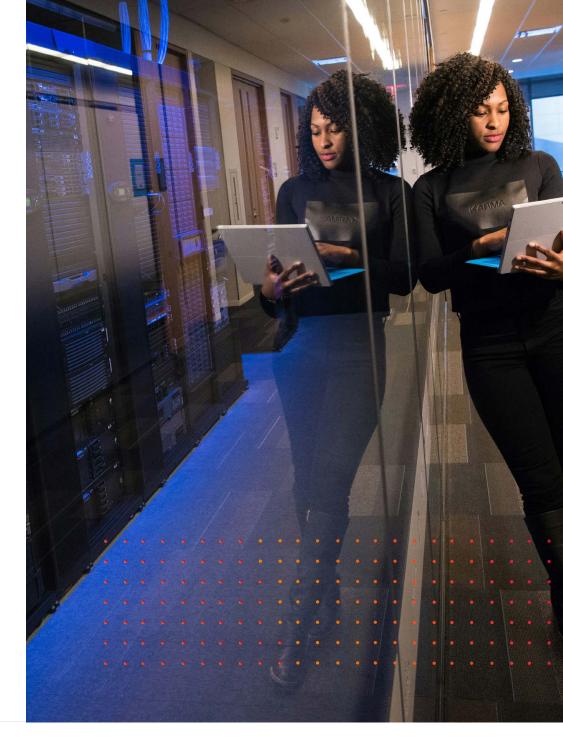
Are you a dynamic and experienced professional looking to make a significant impact on the future of advanced materials innovation in Europe? The Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative is seeking a qualified individual to take over the vital role of Managing Director of the association.

Advanced materials are essential for Europe's prosperity and future. As the European Commission stated in the Communication 'Advanced Materials for Industrial Leadership' on 27 February 2024:

"Advanced materials are intentionally designed and engineered materials with innovative properties and functionalities.

Advanced materials are an important factor for the competitiveness of European industries and are crucial building blocks for the EU's resilience and open strategic autonomy.

The demand for advanced materials is expected to significantly increase in the coming years and should be matched by increased innovation and production in the EU. Europe must ensure it has the necessary capacities and resources to lead innovation and deployment in advanced materials. This will ensure economic security with regards to the critical technologies for today's society."





EMIRI - the Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative - is at the forefront of driving research and innovation across Europe on advanced materials for the twin green and digital transition. As the leading European nonprofit-making association (AISBL) in the field of advanced materials for clean energy & sustainable mobility, EMIRI represents the interests of about 60 organizations (industry players, research entities, associations) developing, manufacturing, and commercializing (advanced materials for) clean energy & sustainable mobility technologies which are key for Europe's twin transition.

EMIRI is currently coordinating the Advanced Materials 2030 initiative (AMI2030) which, together with the Graphene Flagship, is working closely with the European Commission (EC) on the set up of the Innovative Advanced Materials For Europe (IAM4EU) co-programmed partnership under Horizon Europe (the European Union's framework programme for research and innovation), with the ambition to continue under FP10. The main aim of this upcoming transversal partnership will be to put in place an inclusive multi-disciplinary ecosystem to accelerate the development and uptake of innovative advanced materials for the European strategic industrial value chains, starting with energy, mobility, construction and electronics as preliminary priorities to be extended regularly to other areas depending on common needs identified as specified in the EC Communication 'Advanced Materials for Industrial Leadership' on 27 February 2024. With the implementation of the EC strategy on "Advanced Materials for Industrial Leadership", the next few years will be pivotal for advanced materials Research & Innovation. As the MD of EMIRI,

you will play a crucial role in advancing the goals of the IAM4EU Partnership and steering EMIRI's future towards achieving its vision. Through your expertise and leadership, you will help shape the strategic direction of the Association, ensure effective management of daily operations, and strengthen collaborations with the Graphene Flagship and other initiatives to drive impactful innovation in the vibrant European R&I community of advanced materials.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a cutting-edge initiative that addresses the challenges of the advanced materials of the future, and contributes to EU leadership in advanced materials innovation and industrial competitiveness in strategic markets with the aim of boosting Europe's competitiveness and sovereignty. If you are ready to take up the challenge of running a growing association active in a complex but business-impacting EU policy environment, passionate about driving positive change and have a deep understanding of the European funding landscape for research and innovation, we invite you to apply for the position of EMIRI MD.

### The MD will be responsible for the daily management of the Association. This includes, but is not limited to:

- defining and executing the Association's agenda,
- preparing and executing the strategic decisions taken by the Steering Board,
- representing the Association in key meetings with the European Commission and other stakeholders, in Brussels and abroad,
- and overseeing the work done by the staff of the Association (currently a project officer and a communication officer).

As the MD, you will play a key role in the smooth functioning and growth of the organization and its external presence.

Taking over the reins from the outgoing MD, the new MD will lead the work with the Members, the Steering Committee and its Chairman of addressing the innovation-related challenges ahead of the innovative advanced materials industry.

The positioning and future of EMIRI in the new co-programmed partnership under Horizon Europe on innovative advanced materials will be a crucial project to take on. The first task of the new MD will be to finalize with the Graphene Flagship the setup of a new association (IAM-I: Innovative

Advanced Materials Initiative) to sign in Q4 2024 the MoU with the EC for the IAM4EU partnership. EMIRI will merge into IAM-I and the applicant is expected to take on the role of IAM-I Secretary General, following this merger. On the mid-term, IAM-I is targeting well over 200/300 member organizations.

Navigating through the complexity of ongoing EU-level debates & initiatives on R&I and industrial policies, the MD will need to articulate the relevance and the value of advanced materials for strategic industrial value chains in Europe (starting with energy, mobility, construction and electronics) to ensure it receives a fair and equitable treatment.

At the same time, the MD will need to be the facilitator of engagement by the association members on key topics such as technology advocacy, technology roadmapping, shaping of EU R&I and industrial policies.

The successful candidate will have proven leadership and management abilities as well as demonstrate strong interpersonal and communication skills. Knowledge of the industry of advanced materials as well as the strategic industrial value chains relying on innovative advanced materials, experience in management of an association, as well as knowledge of European and government affairs are important. A deep understanding of the EU R&I funding landscape is a must.

Accountable to EMIRI's Steering Committee and General Assembly, the MD will work closely with all relevant parties inside

and outside of EMIRI (at EU, Member State, Regional levels) to ensure EMIRI's visibility, credibility and attractiveness as the key European advocacy platform for advanced materials R&I, as well as promote the industry's priorities.

Based in Brussels, the MD will provide overall leadership and general management of the association and be responsible for implementing, with the support of the Steering Committee and the association members, the relevant part of the AMI2030 strategic agenda. You will prepare for the forthcoming challenges (shaping FP10's budget, ensuring stronger participation of our industry in shaping EU policies, assess & implement best ways for the association to reposition itself in the upcoming European R&I landscape, architecture and governance discussions, ...)



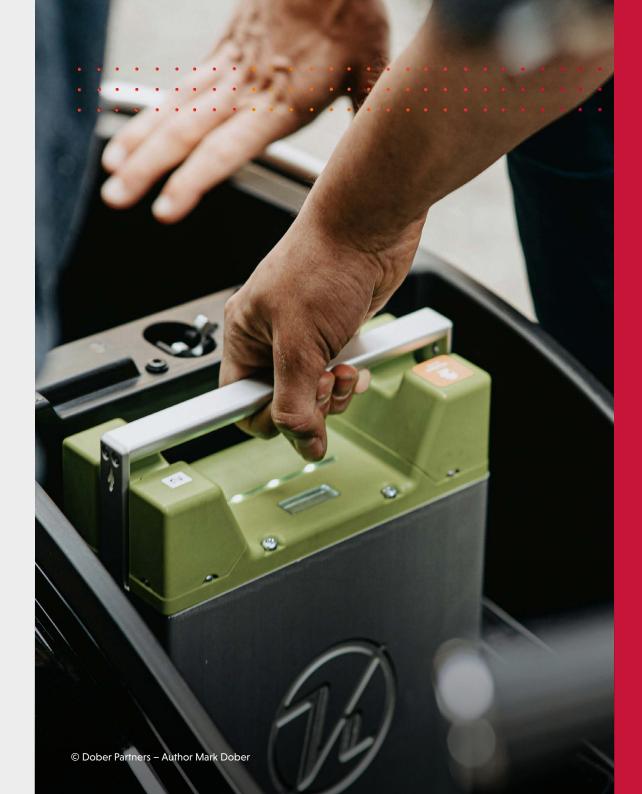
## The successful candidate should exhibit the following skills and experience:

- Extensive knowledge of the European funding landscape for research and innovation, particularly in the fields of energy, mobility, construction, and electronics is highly desirable.
- Experience in an industrial environment (ideally dealing with advanced materials) together with a clear and strong interest for open innovation, and European & government affairs.
- Leadership skills to mobilize our membership and manage teams.
- Visionary and progressive.
   Exceptional strategic planning and execution abilities.
- A scientific or technological background in advanced materials is highly desirable
- Ability to learn rapidly and assimilate knowledge and insights from the industry.
- Understanding (and management of) the expectations of the Steering Committee & Members to develop a strong strategy and implementation plan setting targets and delivering on these to ensure success of the Association.

- Strong advocate, able to understand complex and dynamic issues to influence positively relevant stakeholders and decision-makers to deliver on EMIRI's strategy.
- Strong negotiator, able to resolve conflicts.
- Comfortable operating across borders with an understanding of and sensitivity to the different cultures present in Europe.
- Willing to travel extensively within Europe whenever needed.
- First-class communicator and listener in more than one European language (high proficiency in English is necessary, proficiency in other European languages is a plus, and knowledge of an Eastern European language is a bonus) with strong presentation skills and a passion to synthesize and communicate complex issues and insights.







The executive search firm Dober Partners has been retained to draw up a shortlist of prospective candidates against the criteria set out in this job description, and using their discretion and expertise to help recruit a new Managing Director together with EMIRI's leadership. If you wish to apply for this exciting position, please send your CV to the Dober Partners team below, as soon as possible to qualify for interviews with the Selection Committee in July 2024.

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