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Job Title: *Activity Coordinator (Intellectual Property Rights)*

Location: *Beijing, China*

Job Description

DEVELOPMENT Solutions (DS) is a European consultancy serving the international donor and business community in support of sustainable development and investments objectives, primarily in emerging markets and EU strategic countries. Our services focus on technical support for international trade, SME business facilitation and professional training/capacity building. DS' capabilities are built on a strong grounding in project design and management in complement with extensive research, policy analysis, capacity building expertise across business, public and government relations sectors. Further information regarding our projects and expertise is available at www.development-solutions.eu.

DS is currently engaged in providing technical expertise and project support services to the EU institutions with the objective of improving cooperation and protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in China under the IP Key initiative (<https://ipkey.eu/en/china>) which encompasses the following:

- Improved protection and greater alignment by China with the EU in terms of trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and e-commerce, during the annual EU China IP Dialogue
- Enhanced understanding and trust through regular exchange activities between EU and Chinese counterparts responsible for IPRs
- Ad hoc support for EU-China IP Working Groups
- Modernized IP administration and enforcement practices and tools in China
- Greater awareness on IP protection and enforcement
- Improved information sharing between stakeholders

In support of this, DS is recruiting an **Activity Coordinator for Selected IPRs (patents, copyright, plant variety & GIs)**. The candidate is to work closely with EU counterparts and the project team, primarily based Beijing and in frequent communication with EU-based institutions. To be considered for this position, the candidate must meet the following minimum criteria:

- ✓ University degree in law, political science, economics, or equivalent
- ✓ Fluent English with good knowledge of Chinese
- ✓ At least 4 years of professional experience with the organization of activities and events
- ✓ At least 2 years of experience with EU-related IPRs
- ✓ At least 3 years of professional experience in China and/or Southeast Asia
- ✓ At least 4 years of experience in the implementation of international cooperation projects, with at least 2 years of experience in the implementation of EU-funded projects
- ✓ At least 2 years of experience supporting international trade negotiations
- ✓ At least 4 years of experience in IPR acquired in the private, academic, or public sector
- ✓ At least 2 years of experience in trade negotiations and/or experience EU-China IPR issues
- ✓ Familiar with the IP environment in the EU and China and priority issues, including patents, copyright, plant variety, and GIs
- ✓ Familiar with the main IP issues related to international trade negotiations between the EU and China

Application information

Applicants will be preferably based in Beijing and must be eligible to work in China.

Interested candidates are encouraged to send an application including cover letter and CV to vacancy@development-solutions.eu. Please use 'Beijing Activity Coordinator April 2021' in the subject line. **Deadline for applications is 20 April 2021**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.