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Project Manager – Technical Space Officer (m/f/x)

 Full-time/Part-time: Fulltime or Parttime

 Weekly hours: 40 Hours

 Limited: Yes

 Preferred start date: Zum nächstmöglichen Zeitpunkt  Location: Reutlingen

Apply at:

<https://karriere.ihkrt.de/Project-Manager-Technical-Space-Officer-mfx-de-j159.html>

The Reutlingen Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) represents the interests of companies and provides vital stimuli for the success and growth of the regional economy. It is a key link between businesses, politics, and administration. It provides information on day-to-day business concerns, helps companies join the international business arena, and addresses tomorrow's issues today. Become a part of IHK Reutlingen, support our approx. 45,000 member companies, and also become part of the European network ESA BIC. 34 Business Incubation Centres (BIC) of the European Space Agency (ESA) in European countries take on startups each year. Since 2018, it has also been based in Reutlingen. In Baden-Württemberg, the ESA BIC is hosted by the IHK Reutlingen. As of today, we have onboarded 91 startups from Baden-Württemberg. The wide range of space based technology is ubiquitous in our everyday life. There are numerous opportunities for utilizing space technologies in commercial applications. This transfer process, which goes beyond mere technology transfer, is subsumed under the term Space Solutions. The aim is for IHK member companies to benefit in particular from the opportunities offered by space technology.

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About the position

- Organize and lead technical workshops, training sessions, and events focused on the wide range of space-based technologies and their commercial applications.
- You will mentor startups with Space Solutions and assist them in technical business development, for example by establishing international partnerships and through special funding programs such as BASS and GSTP.
- Support the ESA BIC management in the technical evaluation and selection of startups, including assessing technological feasibility, innovation potential, and alignment with ESA domains.
- Regarding the reporting processes to ESA, you will assist the existing ESA BIC management with administrative duties and organize events.
- You will represent ESA BIC Baden-Württemberg externally and promote the region as a hub for space-enabled innovation and technological excellence

Your day-to-day responsibilities:

- You organize and lead technical workshops, training sessions, and events focused on space technologies and their commercial applications. In doing so, you facilitate knowledge transfer between ESA experts, startups, research institutions, and industry, and support the technical development and maturation of Space Solutions and apply for funding programs.
- Through your work with startups, ESA experts, and external stakeholders, you build and strengthen a technical partner network connecting space and non-space industries. You facilitate collaborations between startups, research institutions, and industrial partners, enabling the transfer and application of space technologies across sectors.
- You actively look for new startups and expand also the current ESA BIC technical networks across the space domain. You represent ESA BIC Baden-Württemberg at technical events, workshops, and ecosystem meetings, thereby strengthening its visibility and supporting the growth of a strong and international Space Solutions network.

Required qualifications

- University degree in the technical field (min. Master's or Diplom degree, PhD desirable).
- A high level of expertise in the field of applied space technology / Space Solutions is absolutely necessary, including professional experience in this field is desirable.
- Existing network in the environment of ESA, DLR or other space organizations is required.
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English required, with a proficiency level equal to C1 or a native speaker. Good written and spoken German skills are desirable.
- This position is a fixed-term contract until February 28, 2028.

What we offer

- **International environment.** Interacting with an international network, space experts and investors, you will represent the interests of our companies. We also foster your international networking through overseas trips.
- **Performance culture.** You will gain diverse insight into this fast-growing economy, in particular young high-performing companies with the latest trends and technologies.
- **Creative liberty.** You will take on critical tasks from day one and work independently in a dynamic organization with short decision-making paths.

Please submit your application, stating your earliest possible starting date and your salary expectations. For information via phone, please contact Daniel Welz at +49 (0)7121 - 201 139.