

Director, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

Full-time, Brussels-based position

The European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) is a pan-European alliance of 128 NGOs protecting and advancing the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people in Europe and in European foreign policies. ECRE's mission is to promote the establishment of fair and humane European asylum policies and practices in accordance with international human rights law.

We are living in an era where our global institutions and systems are challenged both by events and state actors and where previously agreed concepts provoke debate and discord. Seeking international protection in Europe has become controversial and in all the noise (and fake news), we aim to protect and advance the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people in Europe. Our new Director will be at the forefront of ensuring that ECRE is able to focus on its mission in these challenging times.

Our Director will lead ECRE's litigation, advocacy and communication efforts and to contribute to our strategic development within a dynamic and challenging social and political environment. The Director will develop and manage strategic planning in close interaction with the membership, represent ECRE vis à vis EU Institutions and across Europe, develop partnerships, raise media profile and maximize ECRE's impact through policy development and advocacy.

The ideal candidate will have:

- significant experience at a senior management level coupled with strong strategic skills
- cultural and political awareness – an in-depth understanding of Europe's political and legal systems and how to influence them
- strong experience of fundraising and the ability to negotiate and build relationships at the highest levels
- a strong commitment to working for and with those seeking international protection, and a solid background in working with or for an NGO.

ECRE is an equal opportunity employer. Candidates with a refugee background are particularly encouraged to apply. We regret however that only people with the right to work in the EU can apply.

To apply please send your CV and motivation letter to jobs@localknowledge.be

The closing date for completed applications is 27th May at midnight CET.

However, we will be reviewing applications as we receive them and may close the advert earlier if we have sufficient interest in the role.

First round interviews will take place on 10 June and second round interviews (for a smaller number of candidates will take place on 16 June.

For questions regarding the position, please email jobs@localknowledge.be