

## Vacancy TRANSPORT ECONOMIST

Rail Baltica is the largest Baltic transport infrastructure project that will create the North - East economic corridor. It will be an electrified, high speed railway line with modern infrastructure for passenger and freight services, ensuring environmentally friendly and fast transportation from Tallinn to the Lithuanian-Polish border. Rail Baltica will connect the Baltic States with Central and Western Europe. The project is largely co-financed by the European Union. It has to be well-governed, with clear financial flows and procurement systems.

The three Baltic States' joint venture - RB Rail AS, was established in October 2014 and is registered in Latvia. The joint venture's shares are equally held by SIA Eiropas dzelzceļa līnijas in Latvia, UAB Rail Baltica statyba in Lithuania and OU Rail Baltic Estonia in Estonia. RB Rail AS main business is the design, construction and marketing of the railway. It acts as a main coordinator of the project.

Developing the Rail Baltica project, the joint venture team is looking for a **Transport Economist** 

## **JOB PURPOSE**

As a member of Team Business Development, the Transport Economist shall be responsible for the delivery of Rail Baltica Commercialisation Plan sub-activities (studies), participate in the development or updating of key horizontal Rail Baltica project studies (e.g. CBA, long-term business plan), promote organizational learning and competence development in the area of socio-economic benefits and secondary effects of railway and logistics infrastructure development, including consistently benchmarking European and global best practice in this regard.

## **QUALIFICATION**

- Master's Degree, with a specialization in Economics, Transport Economics, Logistics and Supply Chain Management or other relevant areas.
- 3+ years professional experience related to the transport and logistics industry and infrastructure development. Experience in a large-scale cross-border infrastructure development project shall be an advantage.
- Extensive experience in transport economic modelling and analysis (both qualitative and quantitative), including cost-benefit analysis, economic impact assessments, multiplier effects analysis, benchmarking (both theoretical and empirical), traffic forecasting, and other.
- Thorough understanding and competence of Baltic, European and global transport and logistics industry trends and developments, as well as tools and methods of transport infrastructure commercialisation. Awareness of the role of transport infrastructure in national development and the interaction of the transport ecosystem with other sectors of the economy. Familiarity with current transport sector data sources, policies, key economic policy drivers, disruptive trends and relevant macroeconomic factors.
- Track record in economic analysis of complex transport and logistics projects and ability to generate feasible recommendations.
- Proven track record of the ability to draft technical specifications for the procurement of third-party expertise, as well as effectively manage study-type projects.
- A strong general computer and online literacy.
- Outstanding verbal, written and presentation skills.
- Ability to work autonomously and take responsibility.
- Fluent in English (both written and spoken, at least CEFR language proficiency level C1);
- High ethical standards, integrity and impeccable reputation.
- Able to benchmark and apply best practices of other large infrastructure projects and organizations.
- Strives for continuous improvement and excellence in every detail.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversees and coordinates the delivery and/or regular updates of key horizontal Rail Baltica project studies and strategies, including, but not limited to, cost-benefit analysis, commercialization studies, supplier market studies etc.
- Promotes transport economics competence development and accumulation within the organization and directly liaises with the relevant pool of external experts in this area.
- Benchmarks European and global best practice and delivers recommendations regarding project activities aimed at promoting and frontloading secondary economic benefits (including catalytic effects) from Rail Baltica infrastructure development in a life-cycle perspective.
- Works in partnership with other team members and departments to create accurate and timely updates, to prioritize and escalate issues, and to facilitate resolutions.
- Manages projects (primarily, study-type activities), , smooth and result-oriented cooperation with external contractors, efficient coordination across various departments within the organization, sound budgetary performance, and alignment with other related activities of the organization.
- Participates in the relevant procurement exercise preparation, draft of procurement documentation, including preparation of top-quality terms of reference, as well as evaluation of bids, including as a member of the Procurement Committee.
- Facilitate the timely submission of project deliverables, transparent project documentation, and active engagement and leadership in meetings/briefings needed for activity implementation

If you feel that your experience and personality match the position and you are willing to be a part of the challenging and unique project, please, send your CV and motivation letter with the subject "Transport Economist" to RB Rail AS recruitment partners CVO

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