



ITINERA

unchaining ways of progress

CHIEF ECONOMIST OR DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Type: Full-time or at least 3/5 part-time

Start Date: As soon as possible

WHO WE ARE

Itinera is a think- and do-tank. We transform in-depth research and critical analyses into concrete policy recommendations. By collaborating with experts, entrepreneurs, and policymakers, we bridge the gap between knowledge and action. With the support of visionary partners, we remain independent, sharp, and results-driven

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- **You drive thought leadership & policy innovation:** Shape public debates within Itinera's core themes by driving thought leadership and policy innovation through cutting-edge, evidence-based analyses.
- **You conduct and supervise high-impact research:** Lead, supervise, and collaborate on rigorous research projects, ensuring relevance to contemporary policy challenges.
- **You drive policy engagement:** Interact with policymakers and decision-makers to translate research insights into concrete policy recommendations.
- **You're the architect of our stakeholder network:** Build and manage relationships with policymakers, business leaders, academics, and civil society actors.
- **You act as a spokesperson** for Itinera in media, public forums, and high-level stakeholder engagements.
- **You participate in conferences & debates:** Organize and contribute to high-level discussions, conferences, and media appearances to shape public discourse.
- **You're responsible for mentorship & talent development:** Coach, recruit, and oversee fellows, guest contributors, and interns, fostering a culture of excellence and innovation.
- **You work closely with colleagues to enhance research quality** and analytical capabilities, coordinating team projects.
- **You engage with financial partners and stakeholders** to support Itinera's mission through thought leadership and network-building.





WHO YOU ARE

- **You're the best at collaborative leadership and you have an intrapreneurial mindset:** You are an independent thinker & worker; bold, innovative, hands-on and creative. You balance autonomy with teamwork, contributing to a culture of collaboration and co-creation. You engage constructively with colleagues and stakeholders, leveraging collective expertise to develop impactful solutions. You take ownership and responsibility while fostering synergies within the organization, driving Itinera's mission forward.
- **You are analytical & innovative:** You have the ability to conduct rigorous research and propose forward-thinking solutions.
- **You are a strong & bold communicator:** You are capable of translating complex issues into accessible insights.
- **You're proactive & hands-on:** You are able to initiate and execute projects and events independently. You pro-actively identify opportunities, take initiative, and drive projects forward.
- **You are publicly engaged:** you are comfortable participating in debates, media discussions, and stakeholder dialogues.

WHAT WE NEED

- **University master's degree or higher** in economics, finance, public policy, or a related field.
- **Extensive experience** in independent research, policy advisory, or academic leadership (PhD recommended but not required).
- **Proven ability to partake in public debate** through research, media engagement, and high-level stakeholder interactions.
- **Strong track record** in writing, presentation, and thought leadership.
- A minimum of between **5 and 10 years of career experience.**
- Native speaker in either Fluent in **Dutch** or, **French**, and professional user of French or Dutch conversely, and **English**, with established professional networks.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

- A unique and **dynamic working environment** with a higher societal mission, driven by shared passion and positivism.
- **Full-time or at least 3/5 part-time.**
- **Flexible**, independent status.
- **Competitive remuneration** and working conditions to be negotiated.



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