

Join our team!

Patent Specialist

Turnhout, Belgium

Calling patent specialists!

i4F is looking for a motivated and talented patent specialist to support its day-to-day R&D and technology licensing operations. Are you the ambitious, analytical, dedicated and flexible team player we are looking for? If you're intrigued by the role of patent specialist in a fast-moving world, eager to learn and to take on a wide range of responsibilities in a fast-growing international company, then apply now.

About us

i4F is a global innovations group, focused on patents and technologies that are revolutionizing the flooring industry and beyond. Our vision is to enhance where people live, work and play with ingenious technologies from the floor upwards, through technological excellence, meaningful innovation, and human partnerships.

We believe that even the smallest innovations have the potential to transform not just products, but the lives of the people that use them. It's why we own and represent more than 3.000 patents and technologies. And it's why we continue to develop more, both independently and with our partners.

We work together with the world's leading producers and innovators to develop powerful, future-driven solutions for the flooring industry. Our patents are divided into six clusters: drop-lock, surface finishing, digital printing, board composition, wall and ceiling as well as sustainable process technologies. We're experts, specialists, dreamers, and doers. We're entrepreneurs at heart with a shared passion for meaningful innovations.

Our unique and highly successful business model requires high-potential people. i4F is the winner of multiple awards. The company has been awarded by Deloitte as one of the world's Best Managed Companies (BMC) for two consecutive years (2020/2021 & 2021/2022) and also won the 2020/2021 Excellence Award for Strategy. i4F has people and offices in Belgium, China, Vietnam, and the United States.

About the role

As part of the IP and Legal team, you are responsible for i4F's and its partners extensive patent portfolio. This includes:

- Monitoring and further develop and improve the patent portfolio of i4F and its partners together with i4F's external patent attorney partners;
- Continuously monitor third party technology and IP;
- Perform invalidity, FTO and infringement analyses;
- IP landscaping of i4F's current and future focus areas;
- Be the intermediary between i4F's R&D efforts and i4F's patent filing partners;
- This function reports to the CIPO.

About you

- Engineering or other technical background (B.Sc., M.Sc. or PhD);
- Experience and interest in working with patents;
- Degree as a national or European Patent Attorney preferred;
- Analytical with excellent attention to detail;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Goal driven and pro-active attitude and a real team player;
- Willing to work in a demanding environment with strict deadlines;
- Fluent in English, verbal and written. Dutch is a plus.

Work environment

- We are a global, yet lean group of people where each individual matters;
- We are based in Turnhout Belgium in a newly built HQ with state of the art R&D facility.

What we offer

- A competitive compensation and benefits package in line with the market for this position;
- A very international working environment;
- The chance to join a unique and very fast-growing company;
- To be part of a global yet lean group of people, where each individual matters;
- Space for personal input, initiatives, and growth.

Let's find out if we click!

Please send your application (CV and motivational letter) to "HR@i4f.com" specifying the job title as the email subject "Patent Specialist".