**Head of Strategic and Digital Policy (AP)**

**About the CCPC**

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (“CCPC”) is the statutory body responsible for enforcing competition and consumer protection law in Ireland. The CCPC plays a vital role in ensuring that markets work better for Irish consumers.

We are currently governed by an Executive Chairperson and three Commission Members (“the Commission”). The Commission is responsible for the strategic and operational management of the organisation to deliver on our mission and meet our regulatory objectives.

Each Division of the CCPC is overseen by a Member of the Commission, led by a Divisional Director and managed by a senior management team from within the Division. We are staffed with people from a wide range of technical backgrounds, including economists, lawyers, digital forensic specialists, investigators, communications professionals and more.

You can read our [strategy statement](https://www.ccpc.ie/business/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/11/2024.11.13-100707-CCPC-Strategy-Statement-FINAL-WEB.pdf) which outlines the vision, mission, values and goals of the CCPC. Further information on the work of the CCPC to be found at [www.ccpc.ie](http://www.ccpc.ie).

**Division Overview**

The Policy, Research and International (PRI) Division aims to significantly increase the CCPC’s ability to proactively engage and influence on policy development with stakeholders; and to increase its research capabilities to analyse markets, providing a strong evidence-based voice for consumers in Ireland. The PRI Division delivers the CCPC’s statutory functions to conduct research and make recommendations to policy makers on areas related to the CCPC’s functions, including growing functions in digital and data regulation. It also coordinates the CCPC’s international engagement.

PRI is currently made up of four units:

• Policy Unit leads the CCPC’s engagement with public policy formation

• Market Insights Unit leads on market analytics and behavioural research functions

• Economic Research Unit leads on in-depth studies, including market studies, and

• International Unit coordinates the CCPC’s engagement with international stakeholders

This is an exciting time to join a growing multi-disciplinary division in the CCPC, as it evolves and takes on new responsibilities as part of our expanding legislative remit.

**Role Summary**

The PRI Division is seeking to recruit a Head of Strategic and Digital Policy to expand our policy function.

The CCPC is expanding its portfolio and capacities and adapting to the digital shift. It has received and expects to receive more responsibilities. The CCPC must be able to engage early with policy and legislative proposals to enable it to meet these new responsibilities in a strategic and proactive way. It also needs to be able to influence policy and regulation development across a wide range of areas. This will ensure that the mandate and remit of the CCPC remains consistent and holistic, so we can deliver on our mission to promote competition and enhance consumer welfare.

Digital regulation is a rapidly expanding discipline. The CCPC needs to recruit and develop a broad range of digital regulatory skills at pace. The CCPC has a broad and complex remit, in part due to the “Country of Origin” principle, and the existing and planned suite of legislative files being implemented is continually evolving. The CCPC is also part of a regulatory framework that aims to ensure a horizontal, coherent, and consistent application of digital regulation in Ireland.

**Key Responsibilities**

• Develop and manage the CCPC’s mandate management policy, to ensure a coherent and robust remit for the CCPC in our functions including competition, consumer protection, digital regulation and data regulation.

• Identify, conduct analysis, and make recommendations to the Director and Commission Members on the impact of new legislative or policy proposals to the CCPC’s work and on consumers and fair markets.

• Represent the CCPC through formal and informal cooperation with national and international stakeholders, including digital regulators.

• Engage closely with CCPC divisions that are implementing digital regulation (e.g. Digital Markets Act, Digital Services Act).

• Engage closely with Departments and, if necessary, the European Commission on necessary legislation and policy for digital regulation.

• Influence policy makers on digital regulation to ensure cohesive implementation of digital regulation to assist the delivery of Harnessing Digital – the Digital Ireland Framework.

• Track and report on the impact of digital regulation on the delivery of CCPC’s Strategy Statement.

• Participate in and co-develop Ireland’s national digital regulatory cooperation in Ireland’s Digital Regulators Group.

• Participate in national forums responsible for inter-regulatory cooperation such as the Digital Regulators’ Group (the CCPC, Coimisiún na Meán, the Commission for Communications Regulation and the Data Protection Commission)

• Engage with national and international stakeholders such as academics, policy experts, sectoral regulators, Government Departments, and institutions.

• Promote the Vision, Mission, and Values of the CCPC that will pro-actively contribute to the CCPC achieving its strategic objectives.

 • Carry out any other additional tasks that may be assigned to deliver the business objectives of the Division and the CCPC

Closing date: 12noon Thursday 27 June 2024

For further information on this role and how to apply, please visit [CCPC careers page](https://www.ccpc.ie/consumers/about/careers/current-opportunities/)