Control Risks is a specialist risk consultancy that helps to create secure, compliant and resilient organisations in an age of ever-changing risk. Working across disciplines, technologies and geographies, everything we do is based on our belief that taking risks is essential to our clients’ success.

We provide our clients with the insight to focus resources and ensure they are prepared to resolve the issues and crises that occur in any ambitious global organisation.

We go beyond problem-solving and give our clients the insight and intelligence they need to realise opportunities and grow. From the boardroom to the remotest location, we have developed an unparalleled ability to bring order to chaos and reassurance to anxiety.

Our people
Working with our clients our people are given direct responsibility, career development and the opportunity to work collaboratively on fascinating projects in a rewarding and inclusive global environment.

Location
Kyiv, Ukraine

Engagement
Full-time for three years, starting September 2020.
Please note this is an embedded consultant position within a project team being led by our partner.

Department
Research, Monitoring and Analysis

Manager
Team Leader

Job purpose
The successful candidate will be embedded into a team which is delivering tailored technical assistance and capacity building projects to promote good governance across four Eastern Partnership countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. The projects will encompass business environment reforms, anti-corruption and rule of law, economic liberalization of state-owned enterprises, and the development of public governance, independent media and civil society.

The successful applicant will be responsible for carrying out research and analysis of the political, economic and operational environments in each of these countries to inform the delivery of the projects. Specifically, they will carry out Political Economy Analysis (PEA) on project concept notes received by donors, to assess the political dynamics in the relevant country or sector that might have an impact on delivery and success of the proposed project. These assessments will focus in particular on the disposition and influence of various actors (government, law enforcement, civil society, business figures) over different sectors and reform proposals.

The position will be at the project hub in Kyiv, Ukraine (this is subject to the COVID-19 restrictions on work and travel, and remote working may be necessary at the beginning of the project).

Tasks and responsibilities
Managing generation of political economy analysis (PEA) to inform design of good governance projects
Carrying out research and applying existing knowledge of the four countries to understand political economy risks surrounding a potential project (projects will be, for example, privatisation of a particular sector in Armenia, civil service reform in Moldova etc).

Liaising with network of contacts in the four countries to test and expand analysis and deepen understanding of where the prospective project sits in the national context.

Drafting clear, well written, well researched and relevant political economy analysis briefings for internal colleagues, local governments and donors.

**Monitoring**

- Developing templates and guidelines for monitoring the political economy and country contexts of the four countries on a regular basis.
- Overseeing and contributing to monthly reporting on political economy and economic, political, and social developments across all four countries.
- Tracking contextual factors that might influence how the overall project interacts with its complex operational environment.

### Knowledge and experience

**Essential**

- Deep familiarity with the political environments and culture of Eastern Partnership countries, gained through previous research and analysis roles.
- Experience carrying out Political Economy Analysis in an aid/development context.
- Experience using a mixture of qualitative and quantitative data to generate analysis of political risks.
- Proficient Russian language is essential.

**Preferred**

- Experience working in delivery of international good governance and technical assistance projects.
- Knowledge of one of the following languages would be an asset: Armenian, Georgian, Romanian, Ukrainian.
- Good network of government and civil society contacts in at least one of the four countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.
- Demonstrable English-language writing skills, through published reports or analysis (please reference in application).

### Qualifications and specialist skills

- Undergraduate degree, preferably in politics, economics or humanities or equivalent experience.

### Competencies

- Capable of handling multiple priorities and tight deadlines while interacting with colleagues and stakeholders in sometimes challenging situations.
- Ability to synthesise wide range of information to extract key points, and to present findings clearly and coherently.
Strong interpersonal skills; must be collegial, outgoing and able to network and influence both internally and externally across a range of people, industries and functions.

- Excellent English-language oral and written communication and presentation skills.
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to think laterally.

Behaviours
All employees are expected to display behaviours reflective of our company values: Integrity and Ethics, Collaboration and Teamwork, Commitment to People and Professionalism and Excellence.

How to apply
If your qualifications, experience and aspirations match our requirements, email a covering letter and CV, stating your current salary to:
GRA.recruitment@controlrisks.com