

EuroSkills is the official European Championship for young skilled professionals under the age of 25 in crafts, industry, and services, bringing together up to 700 young talents from at least 30 nations to compete at the highest level in 45 trades.

EuroSkills 2029 will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from September 26th to 30th. This landmark event will welcome more than 100'000 visitors at Palexpo, engage international partners, and showcase the excellence and future of vocational training.

We are seeking for an experienced and visionary **Chief Operating Officer (COO)** to lead the operations and delivery, develop the competition team and ensure together with the CEO the delivery of the event under the supervision of the organizing committee.

Location : Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland

Contract duration : May 2026 – December 2029

### **Key Responsibilities**

- ⇒ Lead the end-to-end operational delivery of the event, from preparation to on-site execution.
- ⇒ Ensure effective cross-team coordination with solid processes and reporting routines.
- ⇒ Co-manage the Master Planning, anticipate and secure all critical operational interfaces.
- ⇒ Manage the oversee competition operations and ensure consistency across all zones.
- ⇒ Supervise competition production and cross-functional coordination.
- ⇒ Manage Venue Operations - site logistics, mobility/transport, accommodation, and operational schedules, while adhering to technical regulations.
- ⇒ Supervise the operational production of ceremonies and protocol activities.

### **Candidate Profile**

- ⇒ Proven experience in the operational management of complex projects (events, venue operations, large gatherings, logistics, production).
- ⇒ Strong ability to manage multi-competition complexity.
- ⇒ Demonstrated technical capabilities.
- ⇒ Leadership, service-oriented mindset, focus on quality, and composure in high-pressure environments.
- ⇒ Strong skills in multi-stakeholder coordination, planning, and risk management.
- ⇒ High commitment to education, skills development, young people, economy and international cooperation.
- ⇒ Fluent in French (mandatory); excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of German is an asset.
- ⇒ Strong interpersonal skills, diplomacy, courage, persistence and the ability to work in a multicultural environment and at different levels.

**We offer** a unique opportunity to shape and deliver one of Europe's most prestigious skills events. The chance to make a lasting impact on vocational education and training in the French speaking part of Switzerland, in Switzerland and beyond. A complete immersion in Palexpo with professional employees and dynamical environment. A stimulating local and international challenge with a highly visible role at the crossroads of education, economy, and society.

Application deadline : March 9th

Applications with CV, cover letter, and certificates can be sent to EuroSkills 2029, at [hello@euroskills2029.com](mailto:hello@euroskills2029.com)