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Service Centre

Scientific Community Networking Officer
Terms of reference

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Job description

JOB TITLE: Scientific Community Networking Officer

LOCATION: LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre premises in Lecce (Italy)

Position: Full-time, Max. 24 months

Main accountabilities

- I. She/he will work under the supervision of and directly report to the SC Director and for the continuous development of the LifeWatch ERIC scientific biodiversity and ecosystem community and its connection with the scientific community at larger European and Global scale.
- II. She/he will support the SC Director in the activities of mapping the scientific themes development and analysing the overall community needs, aimed at defining the hotspot research areas requiring focused effort by LW-ERIC in terms of service development and deployment:
- III. She/he will work on networking actions targeting different key stakeholders, which represent components of the scientific community;
- IV. She/he will support the activities of the internal and external groups mapping the research needs of the scientific community of users of the LifeWatch ERIC;
- V. She/he will maintain and update the Biodiversity and Ecosystems Community Portal of LifeWatch ERIC, organising and managing the LifeWatch B&E user community directories and addressing security, legal and performance issues with the support of the Web Portal Officer;

The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements

The call is searching for an early career researcher, with research experience in the fields of ecological and evolutionary sciences, including ecological informatics, meeting the following requirements:

 Have a higher university degree or equivalent qualifications in Biological, Natural or Environmental Sciences;

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- Have a PhD in the fields of ecological and evolutionary sciences, including ecological informatics;
- At least 3 years of accredited professional experience, as post doc or equivalent position, in universities, research centres of international initiatives and organisation;
- Have accredited international experience and research or working experience in international research groups or international initiatives or organisation;
- Some experience with programming languages for data analysis and modelling and web
 portal organisation and management, as basic knowledge of CMS (LifeRay) and LMS
 (Moodle), of data management tools also using semantic resources, and of analytic tools (R
 language and environment), or declared attitude to improve autonomously her/his capacity
 in these fields in the first 60 days (trial period) of contract;
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Skills in other European working languages are beneficial;
- Proven organisation and communicative skills, keen in working in team and under tight deadlines, and international environment and multi language contexts;
- Be available to travel abroad for the specific working needs of this position.

The vacancy is subject to the following procedure

- A short covering letter and Curriculum Vitae* (EUROPASS format, 4 pages at the most) should be submitted to Administration (sara.caramuscio@lifewatch.eu) and in cc to the Interim Service Centre Director (alberto.basset@lifewatch.eu) by February 23rd, 2019. Please write "SC Scientific Community Networking Officer Candidature" in the mail subject;
- Shortlisted candidates will be contacted directly by the LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre Interim Director;
- Candidates may be called for an interview with the LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre Interim
 Director;
- She/he will be appointed for a 24-month period maximum. A competitive salary, 33.000€ –
 38.000€ based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, will be offered.
 Employment will be in Italy, follow Italian employment law and be subjected to 60-day trial period;
- This position is a full-time job. Her/his main office will be located at the Service Centre premises in Lecce without prejudice of the establishment of others in the future;

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• Start date in office for the appointed Scientific Community Networking Officer: **April**, 1st 2019.

^{*} Special note for Italian market: According to Italian Privacy Protection Law n. 196/03 any resume not mentioning explicitly the following wording: 'I authorise the use of my personal data in accordance with Italian Privacy Protection Law (30/06/2003, n. 196/03)' will be automatically deleted from our database and consequently not taken into consideration.