

## Communication Specialist (Maternity Leave)

### Job Vacancy

### Job description

**PURPOSE:** Support the Chief Communication Officer and LifeWatch ERIC to reach out to scientific disseminative media, produce dissemination contents for related European projects and initiatives, update, manage and promote the LifeWatching Science Channel and its contents, support the creation of audio-visual contents and podcasts and their promotion.

**JOB TITLE:** Communication Specialist (Maternity Leave).

**LOCATION:** Service Centre premises in Lecce, Italy.

**POSITION:** Full-Time, until 28 February 2026, possibility of renewal.

**FUNDING RESOURCES:** LifeWatch ERIC Strategic Working Plan.

### Main responsibilities

- They will work under the supervision of, and directly report to, the Chief Communication Officer for the communication activities of LifeWatch ERIC, supporting the implementation of the Communication Strategy and the outline of plans for projects and initiatives;
- They will support the Scientific Community Networking Officers in reaching out and engaging relevant scientific communities;
- They will support communications for EU projects that LifeWatch ERIC is involved in, for example, by liaising with the LifeWatch ERIC project managers and consortium, supporting the creation of websites and related content, organising events and campaigns, etc., and contributing to the drafting of communication work packages and project proposals;

- They will coordinate, support and create audio-visual contents (i.e., video and/or podcasts) related to LifeWatch ERIC activities and the EU projects it is involved in, writing concepts, delivering interviews, selecting footage, etc. in collaboration with the LifeWatch Multimedia Production Centre;
- They will manage, update and promote LifeWatching.tv – the LifeWatch ERIC Science Channel – consolidating and implementing its editorial plan, producing visuals and texts for its contents, and organising campaigns to enhance its reach;
- They will contribute to the organisation of scientific events and LifeWatch ERIC's participation in exhibitions and major conferences, taking care of designing and selecting scientific contents and programmes;
- They will support the Digital Communication Officer in the management and update of LifeWatch ERIC web platforms and social media channels.

## **The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements**

- University degree or equivalent qualifications in Communications Sciences, Biological or Environmental Sciences, or other relevant fields;
- Previous experience as a communication specialist for research organisations and EU projects focusing on biodiversity and ecosystems/climate change/restoration and Green Deal/open science is highly desirable;
- Excellent command of WordPress, knowledge of riverside or other audio editing software is highly desirable;
- Experience in web radio, web tv, preferably with a focus on scientific content production and distribution is highly desirable;
- Knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign), Canva and MS Office (Word, Excel, Power Point);

- Excellence in writing and editing, as well as spoken fluency in English (native speaker or certified C1/C2 level). Skills in other European languages (in particular Italian) are desirable;
- Interest in and understanding of main biodiversity and ecosystem research most relevant issues, experience in working with scientific stakeholders are highly desirable;
- EU Blue Card or valid permit to work in Italy is required for this position.

## The vacancy is subject to the following procedure

- A **short covering letter** and **Curriculum Vitae**<sup>1</sup> (EUROPASS format and annexes, 4 pages at the most) shall be written in English and submitted to **Sara Montinaro (Chief Communication Officer)** by **14 July 2025**. Please use the form available at this link: <https://zfrmz.eu/yBvGKNC3ARBRKJxzoYK4;>
- The selection process will follow the Employment Policy of LifeWatch ERIC;
- They will be appointed until the end of **February 2026**. A competitive gross salary, 33.000,00 - 38.000,00 € based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, will be offered. Employment will be in Italy, following Italian employment law;
- This position is Full-Time. The main office will be located at the Service Centre premises in Lecce, Italy, without prejudice to the establishment of others in the future;
- Start date in office for the **Communication Specialist (Maternity Leave): as soon as possible, not later than 1 September 2025**.

**LifeWatch ERIC is an equal opportunity employer, and encourages all qualified candidates to apply, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.