A. Job description

PURPOSE: Responsible for liaising with ENVRI-FAIR and LifeWatch ERIC Scientific Communities, engaging relevant Research Infrastructures in using ENVRI-FAIR and LifeWatch ERIC research facilities and tools for FAIR data.

JOB TITLE: ENVRI-FAIR Scientific Community Networking Officer

LOCATION: Service Centre premises in Lecce, Italy

POSITION: Full-time, 12 months with possibility of renewal

FUNDING RESOURCES: H2020 ENVRI-FAIR Project

B. Main responsibilities

- S/he will work under the supervision of and directly report to the SC Director regarding the continuous reinforcement of the relations between ENVRI-FAIR and LifeWatch ERIC scientific communities;

- S/he will be responsible for fostering ENVRI-FAIR and LifeWatch ERIC’s connection with the Research Infrastructures active in the environmental field, as well as engaging with those participating in relevant projects and initiatives;
S/he will support the SC Director in mapping scientific trends and analysing the overall community needs in the field of data FAIRness, aimed at defining the key research areas for LifeWatch ERIC which require service development and deployment;

S/he will work on networking actions targeting different key stakeholders, which represent components of the above-mentioned scientific communities, and on mapping the internal and external groups of interest in ENVRI-FAIR and LifeWatch ERIC.

C. The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements

- PhD in the fields of ecological and evolutionary sciences, including ecological informatics;
- Higher university degree or equivalent qualifications in Biological, Natural or Environmental Sciences;
- At least 3 years of accredited professional experience in scientific community networking, as a post doc or equivalent position, in universities, European projects, research centres of international initiatives and organisations;
- Accredited research or work experience in international research groups or initiatives or organisations, in particular within large European project consortia and programmes (Horizon2020, Cost Action, Life, etc.) in the field of biodiversity and ecosystems;
- Experience with programming languages for data analysis and modelling (e.g., R language), with web portal organisation and management tools, basic knowledge of CMS (Wordpress), and data management tools, or a declared intention to autonomously improve her/his capacity in these fields in the first 60 days (trial period) of the contract;
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Skills in other European working languages are beneficial;
Proven organisation and communicative skills, willingness to work in a team and under tight deadlines, and in international environment and multi-language contexts;

Availability to travel abroad for the specific working needs of this position.

D. The vacancy is subject to the following procedure

A short covering letter and Curriculum Vitae¹ (EUROPASS format and annexes, 4 pages at the most) shall be written in English and addressed to the Director of the LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre by 01 September 2022. Please use the form available at this link: https://zfrmz.eu/00Tg7m9cfVRO50h9fXlp;

The selection process will follow the Employment Policy of LifeWatch ERIC;

Only shortlisted candidates will be re-contacted. Selected candidates may be called for an interview with the Director of LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre. Interviews are provisionally scheduled to take place from 12 – 15 September 2022;

S/he will be appointed for a 12-month period. A competitive gross salary, €33,000.00 - €40,000.00 based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, will be offered. Employment will be in Italy and follow Italian employment law;

This position is full-time. Her/his main office will be located at the Service Centre premises in Lecce, Italy, without prejudice to the establishment of others in the future;

The start date in office for the ENVRI-FAIR Scientific Community Networking Officer is 03 October 2022.

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

¹Special 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.