

Scientific Community Networking Officer

Vacancy – Terms of reference

A. Job description

PURPOSE: Responsible for the LifeWatch ERIC Scientific Community of Practice organisation, operation and engagement in using LifeWatch ERIC research facilities

JOB TITLE: Scientific Community Networking Officer

LOCATION: Service Centre premises in Lecce, Italy

POSITION: Full-time, max 12 months (with the possibility of developing into a stable position)

FUNDING RESOURCES: LifeWatch ERIC Strategic Working Plan

B. Main responsibilities

- S/he will work under the supervision of and directly report to the Service Centre Director regarding the continuous development of the LifeWatch ERIC scientific biodiversity and ecosystem community and its connection with the larger scientific community on European and international scales, including those participating in relevant projects and initiatives;
- S/he will support the Service Centre Director in the mapping scientific trends and analysing the overall community needs, aimed at defining the key research areas for LifeWatch ERIC that require service development and deployment;
- S/he will work on networking actions targeting different key stakeholders, which represent components of the scientific community, and on mapping internal and

external groups of interest;

- S/he will maintain, manage and update the LifeWatch ERIC Community, and organise and manage the LifeWatch ERIC Directory of Scientific Skills with the support of the Web Portal Officer.

C. The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements

The call is for an early career researcher, with research experience in the fields of ecological and evolutionary sciences, including ecological informatics, meeting 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 or research centres of international initiatives and organisations;
- Accredited research or work experience in international research groups, 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 communication skills, willingness to work in a team and under

tight deadlines, in an 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 Vitae**¹ (EUROPASS format and annexes, 4 pages at the most) shall be written in English and addressed to the LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre Director by **28 October 2022**. Please use the **form** available at this **link**: <https://zfrmz.eu/00Tg7m9cfVR050h9fXlp>;
- 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 LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre Director. Interviews are provisionally scheduled to take place from **14 – 25 November 2022**;
- S/he will be appointed for a 12-month period. A competitive gross salary, €33,000.00 - €43,000.00 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 **Scientific Community Networking Officer** is 02 January 2023.

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.