

Agroecology Technical Officer

Vacancy – Terms of reference

Job description

JOB TITLE: Agroecology Technical Officer

PURPOSE: Support the Service Centre Director and LifeWatch ERIC facilities in regards to the coordination and management of Agroecology topics, with particular reference to recovery of agroecosystems after strong biotic disturbance, such as the *Xylella* epidemic in Southern Italy.

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

POSITION: Full-time, max 12 months (possibility of renewal).

Main responsibilities

- I. She/he will assist on scientific, technical and innovation tasks, activity and deliverable development and follow-up;
- II. As Agroecology Technical Officer, s/he will support the LifeWatch ERIC facilities in regards to the coordination and management of Agroecology topics, with particular reference to recovery of agroecosystems after strong biotic disturbance;
- III. She/he will support the Italian National Node as a technical liaison to guarantee

synergies between the LifeWatch ERIC Common Facility in Italy, the Service Centre, on Agroecology-related EU Framework Programmes and grants.

The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements

- Minimum qualification: Degree in Environmental Science, Biological Sciences, or related field;
- Master's Degree in Biodiversity and/or Conservation Biology is also highly desirable;
- Minimum four-year experience in similar position in other public administrations/research institutions;
- Excellent understanding of biodiversity, in particular of Agroecology processes and functioning (e.g., soil), climate change, sustainability and innovation;
- Excellent presentation and reporting skills, fluency in written and spoken Italian (C2);
- Excellent presentation and reporting skills, good level of written and spoken English (B2);
- Knowledge of other European languages, although not a requirement, will be taken into consideration;
- Experience in multi-organisation collaboration and coordination activities; and technical, financial, legal and reporting aspects related to EU Framework Programme R&D projects;
- Experience representing private companies and/or public institutions in international events for networking and proposal preparation;
- Ability to work under tight deadlines with changing priorities, availability to occasionally work beyond office hours and on weekends as required;
- Availability to travel abroad accompanying the Service Centre Director and other staff;

- High-standard work ethic;
- Accredited experience in the preparation and day-to-day technical and financial management of international projects;
- Proven experience in the management and working on web portal platforms for Research and Innovation European Projects (H2020, i.e., Funding and Tender Portal and Project Management Systems);
- IT skills: Good command of MS Office package. Data analysis skills for analytical and scientific reports. In particular: Knowledge of geospatial analysis and mapping;
- Valuable experience in stakeholder involvement in national and international scientific projects dealing with technological innovation.

The vacancy is subject to the following procedure

- A short covering letter and Curriculum Vitae¹ (EUROPASS format, 4 pages at the most) shall be written in English and addressed to the Service Centre Director using this form by **4 May 2022**: <https://zfrmz.eu/bD61z3jZKeAIEVCkpg4H>
- Only shortlisted candidates will be re-contacted by **20 May 2022**;
- Candidates may be called for an interview with the LifeWatch ERIC Service Centre Director and other members of the LifeWatch ERIC Executive Board and asked to undertake appropriate tests. Interviews will take place from **23 – 31 May 2022**;

¹ *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.*



- S/he will be appointed for a 12-month period. A competitive gross salary, 33,000€ – 38,000€ based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, will be offered. Employment will be in Italy and will follow Italian employment law;
- This position is full-time. The office will be located at the Service Centre premises in Lecce, subject to the establishment of other locations in the future;
- Start date in the office for the appointed Agroecology Technical Officer will be: **20 June 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.