

**Post Doctoral position at the
AgroParisTech-ENGREF, Research Centre of Nancy
(in cooperation with the Institute of Forest and Environmental Policy, University of
Freiburg, Germany)**

Closing Date: 20th October 2010

Job Interviews: November 2010

Possible start of a working contract: December 2010

Duration of the contract: 2 years

The Paris Institute of technology for life, food and environmental sciences, AgroParisTech, in its research centre of Nancy, invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of a full-time Post Doctoral Researcher. The PostDoc will work in the European research project 'European Beech Forests for the Future Ecological, Economic, and Policy Analysis of Beech Forest Conservation under the Natura 2000 Network'. He or she will contribute to the working group on "Governance" within the project consortium. This group is going to analyse institutional structures and processes of Natura 2000 implementation at different policy levels in order to understand the policy-relevant effects of the Directives and its effects on beech forest biodiversity conservation and management across Europe. A focus is thereby to understand how the EU forest biodiversity policy is affecting "local" forest policies across Europe over time. This research is conducted in a comparative manner across different EU member states.

The duration of the contract will be 2 years. The position is based at AgroParisTech-ENGREF Centre located in Nancy (14 rue Girardet , 54042 NANCY, France). Research will be conducted in close cooperation with the Institute of Forest and Environmental Policy, University of Freiburg, Germany.

Main tasks:

The PostDoc is expected to

- conduct 2 empirical case studies on the implementation of Natura 2000 in France (in-depth interviews with policy stakeholders, participatory observation of policy processes within France),
- publish the results in international journals and contribute to respective joint publications of the project consortium,
- closely cooperate with the international partners in this interdisciplinary project; in particular, with scholars at the Institute of Forest and Environmental Policy, University of Freiburg,
- organize knowledge dissemination and stakeholder dialogue within France,
- contribute to the management and success of the overall project consortium

Qualifications, Competencies & Experiences

Applicants should hold a PhD or equivalent in political sciences/public administration, forestry/rural sociology, or similar. They should have a profound interest in social scientific research, particularly in forest or environmental policy analysis.

The following competences are highly appreciated:

- Good research record in conducting policy analyses

- Excellent inter-personal communication skills both in French and English (obligatory)
- Strong inter-personal skills and desire to contribute to an interdisciplinary European research project
- The ability to work both individually and in close cooperation with an international research team.

The following experiences are beneficial:

- Demonstrated experience in conducting social empirical research
- Demonstrated experience in (environmental/land use) policy research
- Demonstrated experience in publishing and presenting research findings in the peer-reviewed literature and at scientific conferences
- Demonstrated experience in communicating knowledge and information to key stakeholders

Interested candidates who fulfil the requirements should submit an application letter, CV, list of publications and two relevant publications by October 20th, 2010 to Bernard ROMAN-AMAT Bernard.Roman-Amat@agroparistech.fr, and CC to Gerard.Buttoud@hotmail.fr and Georg.Winkel@ifp.uni-freiburg.de

Interviews will be held in November 2010 in Nancy at the ENGREF. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

Further information regarding the project can also be provided by Dr Georg Winkel, University of Freiburg (mail address above).

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