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The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna seeks for a

**post-graduate research assistant on  
“Market-based policy instruments for ecosystem services”,**

being part of the international research project “Beech forests for the future”. The project assistant will conduct policy analysis and innovation system research and prepare a doctoral study.

Duration of employment: 01.05.2010 – 30.04.2013

For the conservation of threatened European beech forests, several policy instruments exist, including the Natura 2000 programme, however, conflicts between different interest groups compromises their success. The Austrian project will analyse the potential of market-based instruments for the conservation of the biodiversity of the beech forests.

The tasks will include theoretical-conceptual work as well as empirical comparative analyses of case studies across Europe. The work will be carried out in close cooperation with the international partners in this interdisciplinary project.

The three years position offers and requires to conduct a doctoral thesis at BOKU. The position is based at the EFI Regional Office EFICEEC which is located at BOKU Vienna. The candidate will thus work as part of an experienced team, at the Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy, and within an international network of researchers. He/she will be expected to contribute to the management of the EFICEEC network.

The requirements are interest in social scientific research, particularly in forest or environmental policy analysis, environmental economics or innovation research. Graduation in forestry, landscape planning, environmental management, political sciences, economics, or related curricula is expected. Language proficiency in English and German is required, as well as the standard IT skills and the ability for autonomous scientific work in an international network environment.

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University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna intends to increase the proportion of its female personnel. Qualified women are therefore explicitly invited to submit applications. In the case of equal qualifications, women will be given preferential consideration for employment unless reasons specific to an individual male candidate tilt the balance in his favour.

Please send your job application to the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna, Institute of Forest, Environmental, and Natural Resource Policy, for the attention of Mr. Gerhard Weiß, Feistmantelstraße 4, 1180 Vienna, E-Mail: gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at.

We don't refund travel costs to the job candidates.

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