

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Agricultural and Forestry Economics is currently seeking a

Postgraduate Research Associate (project employment)

Reference code: 129

Extent of employment: 30 hours per week

Duration of employment: 1st of September 2022, limited to 31st of August 2025

Workplace: 1180 Vienna, Feistmantelstraße 4

Gross monthly salary and pay grade in terms of collective agreement for university staff (payable 14 times per year): B1, € 2.294,00

The Institute of Agricultural and Forestry Economics at the Department of Economics and Social Sciences is offering a 3 year research position to a highly motivated post-graduate candidate to contribute to the agri-economic research in the HORIZON EUROPE project “D4AgEcol – Digitalisation for Agro-Ecology” <https://www.atb-potsdam.de/en/research/research-projects/project/projekt/d4agecol>.

The focus of this position will be on the sustainability assessment of agroecology-relevant digitalisation technologies, taking place in close cooperation with our international project partners. Major tasks are to contribute to the scientific development of a sustainability indicator system and to support 10 European living labs to execute workshops and apply the indicator systems. The successful candidate will have the possibility to join the internationally highly recognised team of agricultural economists at the Institute of Agricultural and Forestry Economics at the BOKU Vienna and be moreover part of a large network of highest level researchers from the field of European digitalisation in agriculture research. The position offers the chance to develop an own scientific profile in the field of agroecology and digitalisation research.

Main Tasks

- Work in a large scale, interdisciplinary European research project in the field of agroecology-relevant digitalisation technologies, with a focus on the sustainability assessment of the respective technologies
- Contribute to the scientific development of a sustainability indicator system for assessing agroecology-relevant digitalisation technologies
- Development of a protocol for the execution of 10 European digital tool scoping workshops and writing of technology-specific fact sheets
- Execute further project tasks such as barriers and drivers analysis and organisation of roadmap workshops
- Contribute to and execute the presentation and publication of research results on an international level / in international journals
- Participation in administrative tasks of project management

Required skills and qualifications

- Diploma degree in Agricultural sciences/Agricultural economics other equivalent university degree
- Study focus in farm management and/or agricultural economics with interest in digitalisation technologies and agroecology
- Experience and interest in the development and application of sustainability-relevant indicator systems

- Experience in designing and conducting scientific workshops and in writing texts relevant for farmers, advisers and policy makers
- Experience in academic writing as well as in the writing of non-academic texts which are easy to understand for non-experts
- Excellent language skills in English, both written and spoken

Desirable skills and qualifications

- Enjoyment of interdisciplinary scientific work in the field of digitalisation technologies and agroecology
- Motivation to travel and correspond with international project partners
- Experience in presenting scientific papers at international conferences
- Language knowledge of German is a plus
- Knowledge of and comprehensive interest in digitalisation technologies
- Acquaintance with concepts of agroecology and sustainability indicator systems

Applications can be submitted until: 20th of July 2022

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna seeks to increase the number of its female faculty and staff members. Therefore qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. In case of equal qualification, female candidates will be given preference unless reasons specific to an individual male candidate tilt the balance in his favour.

People with disabilities and appropriate qualifications are specifically encouraged to apply.

Please send your job application incl.

- motivation letter
- CV
- Completed master thesis and – if available – recent publications
- Study certificates incl. subjects and grades

to Personnel department, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Peter-Jordan-Straße 70, 1190 Vienna; E-Mail: kerstin.buchmueller@boku.ac.at. **(Reference code: 129)**

We regret that we cannot reimburse applicants travel and lodging expenses incurred as part of the selection and hiring process.

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