



## Position announcement at ACTeon - Innovation, Policy, Environment

### (Environmental) Socio-Economist

#### THE ORGANISATION

ACTeon is a human size research and consultancy company active in the field of environment. It is specialised in the “soft” components of environmental management and policy, i.e. social and economic impacts, the value of ecosystem’s goods and services, the role of economic instruments in environmental policy, governance & institutions, mediation & communication. ACTeon is providing support to policy development and implementation in the field of water, agriculture and the environment, climate change, renewable energy, nature protection, forest, marine resources... Most of its activities are taking place in Europe/in France and in the Mediterranean region, with a limited number of initiatives focused on developing countries.

#### THE POSITION

ACTeon is looking for a highly dynamic, innovative and qualified expert in the field of socioeconomics/environmental economics/economics. Key tasks of this position include:

- Development and application of socioeconomic methods and tools for supporting policy and management decisions in the field of environment;
- Support to the design and assessment of economic and financing instruments;
- Research on innovative concepts, methods and tools in the field of socioeconomics applied to the management of natural resources;
- Reporting and communication as support to policy processes;
- Contribution to the organisation of capacity building activities.
- Contribution to the development of new projects and research in the field of socioeconomics applied to the environment.

In the short term, ACTeon will provide key opportunities for the expert to take initiatives and responsibilities in his/her main areas of interest in terms of content, methods and geographic focus.

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- M.Sc. or Ph.D. in socioeconomics, environmental economics or in environmental management/policy with experience in socioeconomics;
- 2-5 year working experience;
- Experience in the practical application of socioeconomic methods and tools;
- Good understanding of European environmental policy in general and of specific policy domains (water, climate change, biodiversity, marine...);

- Very good (written, oral) communication skills, an excellent command of English and French being a pre-requisite for this position;
- Experience in the following areas is seen as an advantage:
  - Valuation of ecosystem goods and services, institutional economics or (micro- or macro-) economic modelling;
  - Management of research & consultancy projects;
  - Working knowledge of other EU languages.
- Commitment to work, capacity to work independently, taste for innovative ideas, sense of responsibilities, liking for team work, interest in both consultancy and research...

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**

This is a full time position at ACTeon in accordance to French regulation and law in terms of social security, holidays, etc. The contract is expected to be for a permanent position, although temporary contracts (minimum one year) can be considered. Confirmation of the appointment will take place after a two month probation period that can be renewed once. The yearly salary is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Additional benefits include complementary social security, financial support to commuting in public transport, etc.

The successful candidate will be part of a young and inspiring team of 12-15 colleagues. She/he will work in collaborative projects involving a wide range of organisations with different expertise (technical, socio-economics, institutional) and from different (mainly EU) countries. ACTeon is also involved in European wide studies and research, including for the European Commission (DG Research, DG Environment) and the European Environment Agency.

The position is located in Colmar (at short distance from Strasbourg or Basel) or potentially in Grenoble where ACTeon is opening a new office. The possibility to work partially from home can be considered after a certain time period. The position includes missions abroad (within Europe mainly).

Starting date of the appointment: at the earliest accounting for potential constraints of the successful candidate

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

You can apply by sending a motivation letter and a recent CV **by July 10, 2010** to:

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