

PROJECT MANAGER

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMICS & POLICY

■ THE ORGANISATION

ACTeon is a French-based human size (20 staff) research and consultancy company that support climate and ecological transition in Europe. It is specialised in the “soft” components of transition, i.e. social values & perceptions, socio-economic values of ecosystem’s services, incentives (knowledge, processes, economic instruments) steering behaviour change, forward looking studies, policy (ex-ante and ex-post) evaluation and impact assessment, governance, and mediation & communication.

ACTeon is providing support to policy development, implementation and evaluation at different scales (from local to European) in the field of marine resources, water, biodiversity, climate change and adaptation, agriculture and the environment, renewable energy, etc. The geographic focus of activities includes France, Europe (other European countries & EU level initiatives), the Mediterranean Sea and the Caucasus regions.

■ THE POSITION

ACTeon is looking for a **Project Manager in Natural Resources Economics and Policy** to take a lead role in the development and implementation of projects dealing with the sustainable management of natural resources both inland and at sea. The main responsibilities and activities relevant to the position are:

- ▶ **Develop, manage and coordinate:** socio-economic and multidisciplinary consultancy and research projects and initiatives in France, in different EU countries as well as at the EU scale;
- ▶ Carry out **socio-economic assessments** addressing inter alia: direct and indirect (micro and macro) socio-economic impacts of strategies and policies; societal values of ecosystem services; pathways to resilience; drivers (including economic instruments) to sustainable practices and behavior change; the value of better (integrated) knowledge to support decision....;
- ▶ Carry out **ex-ante** and **ex-post evaluations, impact assessments**, as well as **forward looking studies** that support ecological and climate transition at **different territorial scales**;
- ▶ Proactively contribute to the identification of promising (thematic, methodological, process-related...) **innovation** and develop initiatives that support its **testing and upscaling**;
- ▶ Organize, develop and/or contribute to **capacity-building & communication** products targeting a wide range of stakeholders and decision makers at different scales;
- ▶ Organize and facilitate **multi-stakeholder events** (workshops, seminars, trainings ... including online) that support the co-development of shared knowledge, strategies and policies delivering climate and ecological transition.

The successful candidate will contribute to/be able to develop **areas of work beyond the thematic areas mentioned above**. She/he will actively contribute to the development of ACTeon while developing new activities responding to domains of particular personal interest. Support to consultancy and research addressing **other disciplines and domains** (e.g. governance, anthropic pressures on ecosystems, science-policy interface...) is expected.

This position requires an excellent **team & collective spirit, social skills, autonomy, initiative**, intellectual curiosity and the capacity to contribute to **complex projects** in an European context.

■ THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- ▶ **An advanced university degree (minimum MSc.)** in environmental economics, social and political sciences with specialisation in ecological and climate transitions, management of natural resources/agriculture or in (agricultural) economics with a clear environmental/climate focus;
- ▶ **At least 5 year** experience in (policy) advise and/or consultancy and/or research in the socio-economic dimensions of natural resource management/climate change. Experience in supporting the development, implementation and evaluation of climate and ecological transition strategies at regional, national or European scales is seen as an advantage;
- ▶ Experience in the **management of research & consultancy projects**, including EU projects;
- ▶ An excellent understanding of **institutions and policies** relevant to ecological and climate transitions in Europe inland and at sea. Experience in “connecting” issues/policies (e.g. land-sea interaction, fresh water & marine waters, agriculture/fisheries and biodiversity, circular economy...) are seen as an advantage;
- ▶ Experience with the **collection** (data extraction from public datasets, stakeholder interviews, facilitation of focus groups, surveys...) and (qualitative and/or quantitative) analysis of data;
- ▶ Experiences, skills and appetite for the **facilitation** (including online) **of multi-stakeholder processes** at different territorial scales, combined with good **interpersonal skills** and ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary and multicultural contexts;
- ▶ Excellent **French & English (written & oral) communication skills** for the production of high-quality reports, communication products and interventions. A third EU language is seen as an advantage.

■ ADMINISTRATIVE & WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

The **position** is a Contrat à Durée Indéterminée (CDI) or Contrat à Durée Déterminée (project-based CDD, duration to be agreed) in accordance with the French regulation in terms of social security, holidays, etc. Confirmation of the appointment will take place after a two-month probation period (renewable once). It is a full-time position, which annual salary is based on qualifications and experience of the candidate, as well as on the salary grid of ACTeon.

The position is located in Colmar (France – 30 minutes by public transport from Strasbourg or Basel), with (partial) teleworking being part of ACTeon's current working arrangements. The position requires short term travel abroad (mainly in Europe).

Starting date (tentative): **October 2022**

The successful candidate will be a part of an inspiring **team** of 20 professionals working in a wide range of collaborative research and consultancy projects involving (research, consultancy, public bodies, civil society...) partners from different (mainly EU) countries.

■ HOW TO APPLY?

You can send **your application via email** with (a) a **cover letter**, (b) a recent **Europass CV** and (c) names and email addresses of **three references**, by July 25th, 2022 to:

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