

Project Manager Education for sustainable development

THE ORGANISATION

ACTeon is a French-based human size (20 staff) research and consultancy company active in the field of ecological and climate transition in Europe. It is specialised in the “soft” components of environmental management and policy, i.e.: social values & perceptions; economics including economic values of ecosystem’s services; incentives (knowledge, education & literacy, governance, economic instruments...) that can steer change in behaviour; prospective and policy (*ex-ante* and *ex-post*) evaluation; governance & institutions; 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 its activities includes France, Europe, the Mediterranean Sea and the Caucasus regions. For more information: www.acteon-environment.eu

THE POSITION

ACTeon is looking for a **Project Manager in Education for sustainable development** to take a lead role in the development and implementation of initiatives dealing with the **mainstreaming of sustainability and sustainable development** into (formal and informal) **education** policies, strategies and initiatives at different scales. As part of a small team of human science professionals committed to ecological and climate transitions, you will:

- **Develop, manage and coordinate** multidisciplinary consultancy, research and educational **projects and initiatives** supporting the **integration of sustainability into education** at different scales and for different target groups – giving special attention to the development of partnership and initiatives targeting vulnerable social groups including children with health conditions or impairments;
- Carry out *ex-ante* and *ex-post* **evaluations** and **impact assessments** of education projects, initiatives and innovations – contributing to the strengthening of the evaluation culture and the identification of the right conditions that can deliver **impactful education** for sustainable development;
- Contribute to **forward looking studies** that can guide the strengthening of education for sustainable development at **different territorial scales** – while proactively build (new) partnerships to develop, test and replicate promising (thematic, methodological, process-related...) “educational” **innovations**;
- Organize, develop, contribute to and/or facilitate **capacity-building, engagement** activities and **events** (workshops, conferences...) for co-building, sharing and disseminating methods, results and recommendations for mainstreaming of sustainability into education policies, strategies and activities;
- **Report and communicate** to a wide range of clients and stakeholders, including decision makers at different scales from both the education and the sustainable development communities.

You will be involved or coordinate ACTeon’s current projects and activities addressing **blue education and literacy** in Europe, while actively contributing to the **widening of education and literacy** activities to other environmental domains and target audiences. You will also contribute to the overall **development of ACTeon** while developing new activities responding to domains of personal interest. Support to projects addressing **other disciplines and domains** is expected.

This position requires an excellent **team & collective spirit, social skills, autonomy, rigour** and intellectual **curiosity** and a sense of **initiative**.

THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- **An advanced university degree (minimum M.Sc.)** in education, education for sustainable development, social and political sciences with specialisation in ecological and climate transitions or the management of natural resources (water, ocean, biodiversity) with a clear human-science component;
- **Three year** experience minimum in (policy) advise and/or consultancy and/or research and/or practical applications in the field of education, education for sustainable development, blue green or climate education, ocean literacy...;
- Experience in the management and implementation of **education, research and/or consultancy projects addressing sustainable education** in the French and/or EU contexts;
- An excellent understanding of the **institutions, policies and instruments** relevant to education (for sustainable development) in France and/or other European countries/scale. A good understanding of, and experience(s) related to, the challenges of, and solutions for delivering sustainable ocean, freshwater or biodiversity is seen as an advantage;
- Experience in 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 scales, combined with ability to work in multidisciplinary & multicultural contexts;
- **Excellent English (written & oral) communication skills**, as well as **proficiency in French**, for the production of high-quality reports, communication products and oral 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): between **July and September 2024** (to be discussed)

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?

Please send **your application via email** by **May 30, 2024** with: (i) a **cover letter**; (ii) a recent **Europass CV**; and (iii) names and email addresses of **three references**, to p.strosser@acteon-environment.eu

For an informal chat on the position and on ACTeon's working philosophy and environment, please contact **Pierre Strosser**, head, at: p.strosser@acteon-environment.eu