



Project officer for NetworkNature

Location:

Biodiversa Secretariat
Fondation pour la Recherche sur la Biodiversité
195 rue Saint Jacques
75005 Paris, France

Duration: Fixed-term contract for 1 year. This is a full-time position.

Monthly salary: 2,620 € gross income, depending on education and experience

Starting date: January 1st, 2024

Application deadline: November 22nd, 2023

Job Description

Host Structure

About Biodiversa+ - Biodiversa+ is the European co-funded biodiversity partnership under Horizon Europe, supporting excellent research on biodiversity with an impact for policy and society. It was jointly developed by BiodivERsA and the European Commission (DG Research & Innovation and DG Environment) and was officially launched on 1 October 2021.

Biodiversa+ currently gathers 81 research programmers and funders and environmental policy actors from 40 European and associated countries to work on 5 main objectives contributing to a sustainable ecological transition in Europe:

1. Plan and support research and innovation on biodiversity through a shared strategy, annual joint calls for research projects and capacity building activities
2. Set up a transnational network of harmonised schemes to improve monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem services across Europe
3. Contribute to high-end knowledge for deploying Nature-based Solutions and valuation of biodiversity in the private sector
4. Ensure efficient science-based support for policy-making and implementation in Europe
5. Strengthen the relevance and impact of pan-European research on biodiversity in a global context

About FRB - the FRB is a partner in Biodiversa+, contributing to various activities at the science-society-policy interface, and hosts part of the partnership's operational team. The FRB was created in 2008 and brings together public research organizations, environmental associations, land and biological resource managers, and businesses. The FRB is a focal point for science and society, focusing on the challenges facing research on biodiversity today. The FRB is a foundation for scientific cooperation under private law and operates independently.

For more information:

- On Biodiversa+ www.biodiversa.eu
- On FRB www.fondationbiodiversite.fr

Context

Biodiversa+ is involved in NetworkNature (<https://networknature.eu/>), the multi-stakeholder European platform on Nature-based solutions. The project, will operate for four years with the following objectives:

- Supporting EU, Member States, and international policy-making by promoting the integration and mobilisation of NBS knowledge.
- Expanding, guiding, and engaging the community of innovators, developers, and practitioners involved in NBS.
- Enhancing the capacities and skills of public authorities, investors, entrepreneurs in NBS, and society as a whole.

In NetworkNature, Biodiversa+ is in charge of coordinating and implementing activities linked to research and innovation. These activities include:

- Facilitating the implementation and updating of the [European research and Innovation Roadmap on Nature-based solutions](#);
- Further developing the evidence base on R&I related to NBS, through the Mapping of [NBS R&I projects](#) and the development of a [database on NBS knowledge gaps](#)

In the context of Biodiversa+ and NetworkNature, Nature-based solutions (NBS) are understood as ‘actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems, which address social, economic and environmental challenges effectively and adaptively, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services and resilience and biodiversity benefits’ (UNEA/EA.5/Res.5).

Main role and duties

Under the supervision of the Biodiversa+ Officer in charge of Nature-based solutions and business and biodiversity and the Biodiversa+ Operational manager for society and policy impact , the NetworkNature+ project officer will:

- Update NetworkNature’s mapping of the European Research & Innovation landscape on NBS
- Update the collection and analysis of NBS knowledge gaps
- Monitor and follow the implementation of the European research and innovation roadmap on NBS.
- Actively participate in, organise, and facilitate meetings, workshops, and dialogue events.
- Provide project follow-up support for Biodiversa+ involvement in NetworkNature+, including administrative and financial aspects.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and work experience

- Master’s Degree in the field of ecological and/or environmental sciences or a related field
- At least two 2 years of relevant professional experience in the field of ecological and/or environmental sciences or a related field, ideally with a background in natural science and/or NBS.

Skills and personal qualities

- Excellent reading and drafting skills in English are an absolute requirement:
 - Clear understanding of scientific communication in English
 - Writing in a clear, synthetic style in English
- Organisational skills:
 - Organising information and work

- Capacity to understand and follow guidelines to coherently implement a systematic process
 - Attention to detail and overall coherence in implementing activities
- Research, Data Management and Analysis:
 - Querying, database management and data analysis
 - Proficiency in conducting research and analysis
 - Ability to collect, synthesise, and present information effectively.

Language requirements

- Fluent English (reading, writing, speaking). This work position is in English.
- French is appreciated (French working environment) but not compulsory.

Other requirements

- Applicants must be eligible to work in France (support to work permits is not provided). Applications will not be considered if submitted by people non-eligible to work in France.
- This position falls under French labour law, the official employer being the French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity, on behalf of the Biodiversa Partnership.

How to Apply:

Please send a CV and a cover letter to Mariem EL Harrak, Biodiversa+ Officer in charge of Nature-based solutions and business and biodiversity (mariem.elharrak@fondationbiodiversite.fr) and Frédéric Lemaître, Biodiversa+ Operational manager for society and policy impact, (frederic.lemaitre@fondationbiodiversite.fr) by November 22nd, 2023.

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