



Project Officer for 3 European Projects (2 years)

80 - 100 % contract
Starting: January 2023
Workplace: Belgium (Brussels)

We are looking for a motivated **Project Officer** for our association located in Brussels, but acting Europe wide.

Agroecology Europe is an international non-profit organization created in 2016 in Belgium and counts today more than 200 members, of which NGOs, universities, students, PhD students and individual persons. It aims to analyse, design, develop and promote the transition towards agroecology-based farming and food systems in Europe and throughout the world. It intends to place agroecology high on the European agenda of sustainable development of farming and food systems. An important goal is to foster interactions between actors in science, practice and social movements, by facilitating knowledge sharing and action. It also aims at the creation of an inclusive European community of professionals, practitioners and citizens engaged in agroecology.

The selected candidate will work for at least 2 years on three European projects.

- **URBANE - Horizon Europe project (50%)**

URBANE is addressing the challenge of sustainable agriculture for food nutrition security, applying the One Health approach for tackling issues related to the application and intensification of peri-urban agriculture, as well as providing the necessary framework for its sustainable and safe application in different contexts. To achieve this, the project will be built around the principles of agroecology. URBANE is building on the extensive experience in agroecology of its partners whilst exploiting friendly tools and methods for measuring the progress and impact of the agroecological transition of farming. The URBANE approach will be demonstrated through 6 case studies in Africa, while its transferability in other regions will also be studied and facilitated through specific tools.

- **PATH2DEA – Horizon Europe project (25%)**

PATH2DEA is committed to unlocking digitalisation's catalysing power to foster European agriculture's transition towards enhanced sustainability. It will build on farmers' competencies and views and match them with the rich repertoire of digital solutions already available for agriculture, aimed at tailoring digital technologies to users' needs and fostering wide-range adoption of digital agroecological farming in

the EU and associated countries. PATH2DEA's general objective is to achieve that digitalisation may act as an enabler of agroecology, thus catalysing farming systems transition to sustainability in line with global commitments by the EU.

- **SOLO - Horizon Europe project (25%)**

The core of SOLO will be the implementation of Think Tanks, one for each Mission Objective, with the aim of co-creating knowledge and identifying the knowledge gaps, drivers, bottlenecks, and novel approaches, as well as suggesting the key performance indicators to monitor the progress of the EU Soil Mission. SOLO will also address the potential differences in the regional implementation of the Mission by testing its approach in four co-creation Regional Nodes, generating their own regional roadmaps that will be matched with the European ones. These explicit linkages between the co-creation mechanisms and the different project components aim to produce a shared understanding of needs and comprehensive identification of research and innovation priorities and other critical activities for the success of the Soil Mission.

YOUR ROLE & PROFILE:

In the different projects, we expect you to work on the following tasks and actions, together with other projects' partners at EU and international level. This includes:

1. URBANE

- Development of Decision Support System for farmers and authorities based on existing tools
- Identification of agroecological farming & farm management and implementation in case studies
- Case study set-up and evaluation
- Development of policy recommendations

2. PATH2DEA

- Analysis of barriers and drivers for digitalisation and understanding usability of agroecology at European scale
- Development and assessment of environmental and economic performance aspects
- Co-design of recommendations to facilitate adoption of digital technologies in agroecology
- R&I roadmap creation

3. SOLO

- Implementation of the Mission Objective Think Tanks and the operationalization and facilitation of knowledge exchange and co-creation among stakeholders across Europe. Mission Objective Think Tanks include: conserve and increase soil organic carbon stocks, and reduce the EU global footprint on soils
- Impact analysis focused on what outcomes are needed in order to reach the expected impacts from the Mission across Europe considering the geographic, land use, socio-economic and culturally specific contexts.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Graduated with a MSc in Agricultural Sciences, Agronomy, or Agroecology with good knowledge of EU agricultural and food policy. PhD in related field would be desired
- Experience in EU project management and project work
- Good knowledge about agroecology, and knowledge about EU agricultural policy
- Minimum 4 years of experience in related position

SKILLS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Enthusiasm and strong involvement in project work with multiple partners
- Capacity to work autonomously and interdisciplinary with other researchers and project partners of Agroecology Europe
- Well organised, flexible and open-minded
- Knowledge and experience working within EU funded projects and reporting will be considered a strong asset
- Experience working in African countries will be considered an advantage
- Willingness to travel within Europe and Africa
- Excellent spoken and written English, additional languages (especially French) will be considered a plus

Length of contract: 2 years with possibility of renewal; 80 - 100 % contract.

Expected start date: January 2023

Salary will depend on candidate's qualifications.

Location: Brussels; home office.

Please send your application (CV & motivation letter, list of publication and/or other achievements) before 31th October 2022, 17:00 pm (CEST) to:

secretariat@agroecology-europe.org