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EEA/CA/2018/5**Project Manager – Integrated assessments Contract Agent (FG IV)**

The European Environment Agency (EEA) is organising an open competition with a view to recruiting a contract agent to work as Project Manager in the field Integrated assessments and further with a view to establishing a reserve list.

THE AGENCY:

The EEA is an Agency of the European Union (EU) and one of the decentralised EU bodies. The EEA aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvement in Europe's environment, through the provision of timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policy-making agents and the public.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The European Environment State and Outlook 2015 report (SOER 2015) published in March 2015 provides a comprehensive integrated assessment of past trends and future outlooks for Europe's environment and of opportunities to recalibrate policies, knowledge, investments and innovations in line with the long-term vision of the European Union 7th Environmental Action Programme (7th EAP).

This vision foresees by 2050 that Europeans will **live well, within the planet's ecological limits** where prosperity and healthy environment stem from an innovative, **circular, low carbon economy** where nothing is wasted, and where **biodiversity** is protected, valued and restored in ways that enhance our society's **resilience**, setting the pace for a global sustainable society. Similar long-term

perspectives are embedded in global processes most notably the UN post-2015 agenda towards Sustainable Development Goals.

The SOER 2015 main messages are four-fold. **EU environment policies** have delivered substantial benefits for the environment, economy and people's well-being; major challenges remain. Europe faces long-term, persistent and emerging challenges linked to unsustainable production and consumption **systems**, within a rapidly changing **global** context. Achieving the 2050 vision requires system **transitions**, driven by more ambitious actions on policy, knowledge, investments and innovation.

Doing so presents major **opportunities** to boost Europe's economy and employment and put Europe at the frontier of science and innovation

In this context, the European Environment Agency is increasing its capacity to produce integrated assessments and knowledge in support of long-term environmental sustainability goals within Europe and between Europe and the global level. The focus is on improving the evidence base on systemic challenges and system transitions in support of the 7th EAP, the SOER 2020 and global assessment processes, using foresight and other integrated assessment methods. A crucial function will be to manage interactions and knowledge flows with relevant parts of the European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET) of EEA member and cooperating countries, and with EU institutional partners.

Under the responsibility of the Head of Sustainability and Foresight Group, reporting to the Head of Integrated Environmental Assessments Programme, the Project Manager shall be responsible for knowledge support and analysis in these areas.

The position will entail the following tasks:

- Lead on management and delivery of integrated environment assessments focused on integrated systemic perspectives that couple human-environment systems, are cross-scalar, cross-sectoral, and address sustainability transitions in the context of relevant EU and national policy frameworks;
- Coordinate gathering and integration of knowledge on the European and global drivers of societal change of relevance for European environmental state and outlook and on responses that embrace synergies, trade-offs, uncertainties and forward-looking aspects in relation to environmental sustainability agendas;
- Apply and communicate participative, explorative, normative, prospective analysis and communicate methodological approaches and tools of relevance for EEA integrated assessment in the area of environmental sustainability and long-term transitions;
- Lead on management of interactions and knowledge flows with the EIONET National Reference Centres for State of the Environment Reporting (NRC SOE) and Forward Looking Information (NRC FLIS);

- Produce short papers and concise policy briefings;
- Represent the Agency through networking, beyond EIONET, with relevant EU partners and stakeholders, and other relevant international organizations e.g. UNEP, OECD.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Candidates applying must satisfy the following eligibility criteria on the closing date for the submission of applications:

- a) Successful completion of university studies attested by a degree relevant to the field concerned (e.g. environmental sciences, sustainability sciences, system sciences, social sciences) of at least 3 years, plus 1 year of appropriate professional experience;
- b) A minimum of 3 years of relevant professional experience after achieving the qualification set out above.

In addition, in order to be eligible a candidate must:

- Be a national of one of the member countries of the EEA (Member States of the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey);
- Enjoy full rights as a citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by law concerning military service;
- Have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the EEA member countries and a satisfactory knowledge of another of these languages (corresponding to level B.2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages CEFR);
- Meet the character requirements for the duties involved;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post.

Candidates should assess carefully and check before submitting their application whether they fulfil all the conditions for admission laid down in the vacancy notice, particularly in terms of qualifications and relevant professional experience.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Essential

- Proven capacity (through publications) to produce integrated assessments of short- and long-term environmental sustainability challenges;
- Practical experience with the application of integrated assessment methods and tools such as

indicators, accounting, trend analyses (megatrends), modelling, scenario building and visioning, horizon scanning;

- Knowledge of relevant sustainability policy processes at the national, European or global levels;
- Knowledge of socio-economic global and European conditions and their relationship to the environment;
- Proven skills to work with complex multi-country or other expert-based networks;
- Proven skills to work and deliver within multi-disciplinary teams;
- Proven analytical and writing skills*
- Excellent command of written and spoken* English.

Advantageous

- An interdisciplinary university-level education covering both environmental sciences and social sciences;
- Knowledge of broad spectrum of sustainability assessment methods and tools;
- Practical experience with capacity building on transdisciplinary integrated assessments through teaching, lectures, summer schools.

CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS:

The successful candidate will be offered a Contract Agent contract in accordance with Article 3a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities. The duration of the contract will be for a limited period of four years with the possibility of being renewed once for the same period.

Successful candidates who are recruited undergo an initial probation period of 9 months.

Please note that recruitment is done in the first step of the grade within Function Group IV to which the successful candidate qualifies, depending on the duration of the acquired professional experience.

For information on salary, please see information published under **Contract Agents**.

The place of work will be Copenhagen, Denmark.

It is brought to the particular attention of candidates that the provisions of Articles 11 to 26 of the Staff Regulations, concerning the rights and obligations of officials, shall apply by analogy to Contract Agents. These rules specify that:

“An official shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the Communities in mind; he shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government, authority, organization or person outside his institution. He shall carry out the duties assigned to him objectively, impartially and in keeping with his duty of loyalty to the Communities.

An official shall not without the permission of the appointing authority accept from any government or from any other source outside the institution to which he belongs any honour, decoration, favour, gift or payment of any kind whatever, except for services rendered either before his appointment or during special leave for military or other national service and in respect of such service.”

For further information on the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities see: Staff Regulations

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

A Selection Committee is set up for the selection procedure. It consists of members designated by the Appointing Authority and the Staff Committee. The Selection Committee is bound by the principle of confidentiality as enshrined in Article 6 of Annex III to the Staff Regulations. This works in two ways: first, it imposes obligations to ensure equal treatment for candidates; and second, it seeks to protect the Selection Committee to ensure that its decisions are totally impartial.

The Selection Committee adheres strictly to the conditions of admission laid down in the vacancy notice when deciding whether or not candidates are eligible. Candidates admitted to a previous selection procedure will not automatically be eligible. **Candidates are strictly forbidden to make any contact with the members of the Selection Committee, either directly or indirectly. Any infringement of this rule will lead to disqualification from the selection procedure.**

Should the Selection Committee discover at any stage in the procedure that the candidate does not meet one or more of the general or special conditions for admission to the selection procedure, the candidate will be disqualified.

The Selection Committee decides on those candidates who are admitted to the selection procedure in accordance with the requirements as specified under eligibility criteria. The applications of the candidates admitted to the selection procedure are reviewed to establish whether or not they show evidence of all requirements as specified under selection criteria. The Selection Committee will invite for an interview up to a maximum of 10 candidates that they deem best qualified. The interview will be held in English and the candidate's knowledge of other languages will also be assessed during the interview. Candidates invited for an interview will be asked to undergo a written test in the area of expertise required for the post. The test and the interview will take place in Copenhagen (Denmark) where the EEA has its seat and where the place of employment is.

At the end of the interviews the Selection Committee will submit the list of suitable candidates to the Appointing Authority who will decide on the appointment of the successful candidate and the

establishment of a reserve list for the post advertised or similar posts that may become available. This usually follows from follow-up recruitment interviews conducted by the Appointing Authority with the suitable candidates. Candidates shall note that inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment. Recruitment will be based on availability of posts and budget.

The reserve list for this post will be valid until 31 December 2019 and may be extended at the discretion of the Appointing Authority.

Prior to contract signature, the successful candidate will be asked:

- to provide original or certified copies of all relevant documents proving his/her eligibility, including a police certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record;
- to undergo a compulsory medical examination to establish that he/she meets the standard of physical fitness necessary to perform the duties involved.

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION:

Any personal data provided by the applicant shall be processed pursuant to European Regulation related to personal data protection, in particular Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movements of such data. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

Personal data shall be processed solely for the purposes of this selection procedure.

The applicant shall have the right of access to his/her personal data and the right to rectify or update any such data that is inaccurate or incomplete at any time during the application procedure. The right to rectify can only be exercised up to the closing date for submission of applications. However, inaccurate identification data may be rectified at any time during and after the application procedure. Any request for access or rectification of personal data shall be addressed in writing to the Human Management Resource Group at the address: European Environment Agency, Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen K, Denmark, or at the e-mail address: recruitment.enquiries@eea.europa.eu.

The applicant can, upon request, be provided with their evaluation results at all stages of the selection procedure. The request must be submitted to the Human Management Resource Group at the address: European Environment Agency, Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen K, Denmark, or at the e-mail address: recruitment.enquiries@eea.europa.eu.

The EEA does not make public the names of successful candidates on reserve lists. However, it is possible that, for the purposes of recruitment and related planning purposes, members of the EEA's senior management team may have access to reserve lists and in specific cases, to the application of

a candidate.

Should the applicant have any queries concerning the processing of his/her personal data, s/he shall address them to the Data Protection Officer of the EEA at the following e-mail address: dataprotectionofficer@eea.europa.eu

Applicants are entitled to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor (<http://www.edps.europa.eu>; EDPS@edps.europa.eu) if they consider that their rights under Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 have been infringed as a result of the processing of their personal data by the EEA.

For further detailed information please refer to the privacy statement available on the EEA website at the following address: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/documents/data-protection-inventory> (Annex 1 to Selection procedure for TA and CA – HR1).

EQUAL TREATMENT:

EEA is an equal opportunities employer and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of gender, colour, racial, social or ethnic origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation, marital status or family situation, or any other status. Staff is recruited on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of all EEA member countries.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates must apply by filling in electronically the application form below.

Please note that the address indicated on the form will be used as the location for travel for candidates invited to an interview.

To the application form must be attached:

- **The European CV below duly filled in**
- **A letter of motivation**

Application documents:

- **Template Europass CV**
- **Instructions for Europass CV**

NB: Failure to submit any of the required documents will lead to exclusion from the procedure.

Closing date for application: Thursday 22 March 2018 at 12.00 noon (Central European Time)

Applications sent after this date will be rejected.

Please ensure that you observe the following:

1. Remember to take time zones into consideration when sending your application.
2. Remember to fill in the application form below.
3. Include a CV using the Europass template attached and a letter of motivation.
4. Ensure to specify in your CV exact starting and end dates of professional experiences (date/month/year) as well as percentage of work activity in case the experience is not full time.
5. Once your application has been submitted, you will receive an automatic reply.
6. It is your responsibility to keep the automatic reply message as proof of submission of your application.
7. Should you not receive an automatic reply message, please submit your application again.
8. **Please do not leave it until the last minute to submit your application.** Experience has shown that the system can become overloaded as the deadline for applications approaches and you may find it difficult to submit your application in time.
9. You may apply in any of the official languages of the European Union but the use of English is encouraged to facilitate the selection process.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW:

A candidate who feels that a mistake has been made regarding eligibility may ask to have his/her application reconsidered by sending, within 10 calendar days of the date of notification, a request for review, quoting the number of the selection procedure concerned to the Chairperson of the Selection Committee at the following address: European Environment Agency, Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen K, Denmark, or electronically at the e-mail address: recruitment.enquiries@eea.europa.eu.

The Selection Committee will reconsider the application and notify the candidate of its decision within 15 working days of receipt of the request for review.

APPEAL PROCEDURES:

If a candidate considers that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision, he/she can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, at the following address:

Executive Director
European Environment Agency
Kongens Nytorv 6
1050 Copenhagen K
Denmark

The complaint must be lodged within 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure starts to run from the time the candidate is notified of the act adversely affecting him/her.

If the complaint is rejected the candidate may bring a case under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities before:

The European Union Civil Service Tribunal
Postal Address:
L-2925Luxembourg

Please note that the Appointing Authority does not have the power to amend the decisions of a Selection Committee. The Court has consistently held that the wide discretion enjoyed by Selection Committees is not subject to review by the Court unless rules which govern the proceedings of Selection Committees have been infringed.

It is also possible to complain to the European Ombudsman pursuant to Article 228(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Decision of the European Parliament of 9 March 1994 on the regulations and the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, published in Official Journal of the European Union L 113 of 4 May 1994:

European Ombudsman
1 Avenue du Président Robert Schuman – CS 30403
F-67001StrasbourgCedex

Please note that complaints made to the Ombudsman have no suspensive effect on the period laid down in Articles 90(2) and 91 of the Staff Regulations for lodging, respectively, a complaint or an appeal with the European Union Civil Service Tribunal under Article 236 of the EC Treaty.

* Will only be tested at the stage of interview/written test.

Application form

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Instructions for Europass CV
- **A letter of motivation**

E-mail (Questions only): should you have any questions, please use this email:

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