

Part-time researcher on agriculture-wildfire offer

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The Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC), located in Solsona (Pre-Pyrenees, 120 km from Barcelona), Spain, employs app. 100 staff, produces >100 scientific articles annually and has a turnover of app. 6 Mil. €/year. Further institutional information is available at: www.ctfc.cat/en.

CTFC's research activity is organised around three programs: 1) Multifunctional Forest Management; 2) Landscape Dynamics and Biodiversity; 3) Bioeconomy and Governance. A Project Promotion Office (PPO) gives support to all the researchers and technicians in managing projects.

CTFC coordinates a 4-year H2020 Green Deal project of 20 Mil. € on integrated wildfire management and fire-resilient landscapes, with 35 partners from all over Europe and Chile. The project kicks off at the end of 2021.

TERMS OF THE APPOINTMENT

- This contract may start as soon as possible, preferably during January 2022.
- It is a part-time position (38,5%, equivalent to 14.5 h/week) until November 2025.
- The candidate will be based at CTFC in Solsona (NE Spain), yet with possibility to work remotely.
- The researcher would be in charge of the implementation of an Innovation Action within the FIRE-RES project targeting the engagement of the wine production sector with the resilience of their landscapes.
- The researcher will belong to the Forest Economics group.
- Based on CTFC labour categories, annual gross salary will be 12,500 €/year.
- Expected to travel mainly domestically (mainly) but also internationally for the project.

TASKS

Key responsibilities will include:

- Identification of good practices of wine producers to contribute to fire resilient landscapes.
- Draft a general standard based on those general orientations.
- Establishment and dinamisation of a grouping of wineries oriented to contribute fire-resilient landscapes. Starting in Catalonia and exploring options in other Spanish and European regions within wildfire risk areas (e.g. Portugal, France, Italy).
- Depending on the geographical location of the previous wineries within Catalonia, identification of specific parcel-level good practices -with support of CTFC experts and in dialogue with the implementing actors.
- Ensuring the development of the corporative image, trademark or other possible market differentiation tools, supported by communication experts.
- Fluent dialogue is expected with key stakeholders -including Protected Designations of Origin, local Forest Service officers, Fire Service representatives, rural tourism businesses,

or Forest Defence Groups i.a. This covers also the organisation of local meetings, minute-taking and follow-up, exploratory contacts, etc, observing the CTFC personal data protection policy and overall Responsible Research and Innovation principles.

- Draft of a sustainability strategy for durability beyond the project lifetime.
- Internal report development which will contribute to a project deliverable.
- Timely internal communication within the CTFC team. Contribution to the implementation of the Project Communication Plan, through external communication towards the rest of the Consortium when needed (e.g. project newsletter), the sector (e.g. articles within technical magazines) and general public (e.g. blog, website, social media).
- Participation in project meetings when required, e.g. Living Lab meetings, annual project meetings.
- Fluent reporting to the WP3 leader (within CTFC).

REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree in geography, territorial or landscape management, agronomy, sustainable rural development or related discipline. A PhD or high studies in the wine or forest management domain is an asset.
- Experience in the Catalan wine innovation ecosystem, covering the quadruple helix (academia, business, government, and society). Deep knowledge of the Catalan wine sector and networking skills. Involvement in existing wine-related institutions (e.g. associations) is an asset.
- Experience with label or standards development, business models, or mapping is an asset.
- Ability to engage with stakeholders. Experience in Multi-Actor Projects is an asset.
- Experience in European R+D projects related to the offer topic.
- Strong communication skills, including reporting.
- Experience in knowledge transfer activities. Authorship of scientific or dissemination publications will be an asset.
- Experience in to work in multi-disciplinary teams and in multi-cultural environments. Readiness to quickly integrate in an established team.
- Experience in Mediterranean landscape management. Knowledge within the wildfires or resilient territories domain is an asset. Willingness to immerse in the project topics (wildfire management, bioeconomy).
- Proficiency in Catalan and English, and advance knowledge of Spanish, both spoken and written. Knowledge of French, Portuguese or Italian will be an asset.
- Capacity to work under pressure, adaptability to different type of tasks and flexibility. Proactive and independent worker.
- Experience in organisation and development of pedagogical or awareness-raising sessions, or sectoral workshops is an asset.
- Analytical skills in gathering and interpreting information. Attention to detail.
- Experience with the Microsoft Office operating system.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The selection process is led by the Human Resources Area of CTFC. This process consists of:

1. **Admission of candidates:** applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, a letter of intent and two referees addressed to dep.personal@ctfc.cat, **until 11th January 2022**, indicating the reference code of the offer. All applications will be treated confidentially.
2. Pre-selection: verification of compliance with the minimum requirements of the offer.



3. **Selection (mid January 2022):** assessment of the preselected candidates by scoring based on objective criteria and interview.
4. Final decision: in case of finding the suitable person, the election will be formally communicated to him/her, and the identification of the chosen person will be published on CTFC job openings section.

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