



Job offer:

Project Assistant for Tree Nursery Market Analysis Part-time (30h/week) – Limited for 2 years – Schönbrunn (Vienna), Austria

The Ecological Genetics unit at the Department for Forest Biodiversity and Nature Conservation of the Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW) is offering a position as a project assistant for analysis of the European nursery sector. Your contribution to our dynamic team will support a European consortium with information about the European forest nursery sector structure and (economic) framework conditions. This is a unique career opportunity to work in a collaborative environment engaged in analysis of forest genetic resources and forest reproductive material contributing to conservation and biodiversity research.

Your Responsibilities:

With your work you will assist in mapping and analysing the European nursery sector, actively reach out to nursery owners, managers and other relevant stakeholders to collect information about the nursery, seed and seedling market and conduct industry structure and econometric analyses.

An important aspect of your work will be to proactively reach out to nurseries to facilitate exchange and cooperation with the project consortium.

- Map the tree nursery landscape in the European Union (EU) and assemble data about nursery owners and managers
- Actively contact nurseries and conduct semi-structured surveys as well as quantitative surveys to collect data about nursery sectoral structure
- Research time-series data about nursery capacities, economic framework conditions (firm, regional and national level), domestic supply & demand, trade, sectoral structure
- Formulation and evaluation of econometric models
- Assistance analysing material flows and application of econometric models as input for forest sector models

Your focus on market analysis will help to provide relevant information to the project research consortium about achieving project goals set in place by the Green Deal and accompanying EU policy objectives such as the three billion tree initiative or the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. Results of your analyses will help to better understand nursery sector conditions and potentially



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critical factors, gaps, opportunities and needs for upscaling of relevant production. Your research will help to facilitate an exchange between research and practice to ensure that the requirements of the nursery sector for provision of relevant forest reproductive material and Europe-wide collaboration are adequately understood and met to tackle global challenges with regard to climate change and biodiversity.

Your Profile:

The research will be carried out at BFW in collaboration with the team in the Ecological Genetics Unit. The candidate is expected to possess applicable knowledge on empirical economics and social science (esp. market research, semi-structured surveys, and online surveys), wood markets (esp. nursery sector) and econometrics. Strong organisational and communication skills are a must to facilitate communication with nurseries as well as relevant stakeholders and to ensure fruitful collaboration in a large consortium of researchers in an international and interdisciplinary working environment (English required/any other European language is an asset).

Minimum Qualifications:

- M.Sc. degree or equivalent with strong background in economics and social science
- Proven track record in wood market analysis with solid experience in structured and semi-structured surveying
- Experience in econometrics in R or Python; skills to integrate with analyses as well as the code base from other researchers
- Structured approach to work including proactive communication with stakeholders and project partners
- Good time and information management is critical
- Experience with basic research principles and methods

We offer:

Located close to Schönbrunn Palace in the city of Vienna, our scientists and staff are committed to creating a workplace culture that respects and celebrates diversity and values the well-being of all employees. This is a 30 hours, 2-years term position beginning 01.02.2023. The gross monthly salary is at least EUR 3.115,10 (full-time equivalent) equivalent to the salary scale for federal employees in evaluation group v1/1.

Others:

Reference is made to § 43 in conjunction with § 11b and § 11c of the Federal Equal Treatment Act, according to which women who are as equally qualified as male applicants will be given preference when the position is entrusted.



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If we have raised your interest, please send your application documents including a covering letter detailing your background and motivation, your CV and two references (including contact information) by **05.02.2023** (commencement of duties: 15.02.2023) to:

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