

EUPHRESCO III project officer

About us

Euphresco is an international network that aims to enhance coordination and cooperation on phytosanitary research funding. Since 2014, Euphresco is a self-sustained network of 75 organizations from five continents hosted by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO). EPPO contributes to various activities to support the implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the intergovernmental treaty overseen by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization that aims to protect the world's plant resources from the introduction and spread of pests.

The success of Euphresco as a primarily European network for phytosanitary research coordination has set the ground for discussions on the development of initiative(s) to also address the needs of other regions of the world and global phytosanitary research coordination. In this framework, a three-year project funded by the European Commission will start soon to enhance national and regional phytosanitary research coordination and to set the foundations for global phytosanitary research coordination, under the umbrella of Euphresco. The objectives of the project are to: i) develop a global strategic agenda on medium-term phytosanitary research priorities; ii) organize joint calls on common research priorities to support and enhance international collaboration; iii) develop and test models for the governance, the structure and the operations of a global network for phytosanitary research coordination; iv) engage with stakeholders.

EPPO is recruiting a full-time Scientific Officer to support the project. The position is based in the EPPO headquarters in Paris, France.

Job description and missions

Working under the supervision of the Euphresco coordinator, the project officer will support:

- the contractual, administrative and financial management of the project, which includes, amongst others: i) preparation of the Consortium Agreement; ii) preparation of amendments to the Grant Agreement, when necessary; iii) organization, facilitation and follow-up of the meetings of the Governance (Executive Committee and General Assembly); iv) preparation of the project periodic technical and financial reports and deliverables for the European Commission; v) assisting the project partners on any aspect related to administrative, financial and legal matters of the project

- the monitoring of the implementation of the project activities, their timely completion and the quality of the outputs produced, which includes amongst others: i) maintaining regular communication with the whole consortium, *ad hoc* communication with project partners when needs arise; ii) maintain the IT infrastructures needed to support the communication amongst the project partners and the implementation of the project activities; iii) support activities for the development of the strategic research agenda; iv) manage the transnational calls for collaboration and funding organized during the project; v) support activities for the development of global phytosanitary research coordination

- communication and dissemination to project stakeholders.

Profile sought

At least an academic degree in Agronomy, Biology or other related fields.

Good written and oral knowledge of English and working knowledge of an additional language.

Asset criteria

The following criteria may be applied to the process to help the selection of the more suitable candidate:

Experience in writing project proposals

Experience in a research laboratory

Experience in EU project management

Experience of living and working in a foreign country

Important information

Work location: Paris 75011, France

Duration: 36 months

Work time: full time

Work from home: 3 full days in the office every week, following the adaptation period

Holidays: 30 days per calendar year

United Nations grade: P1-1, contract with EPPO

Salary: Net of tax deductions, the annual salary will be at least 46 272 €

French social security and health insurance provided by the employer

For staff recruited outside France removal expenses and a settling-in grant are payable. Based on the agreement between EPPO and the French government, EPPO will arrange a work permit for the post, if needed, and a permit allowing dependents to reside in France, if applicable and needed.

Application procedure

Applicants are requested to address the job description, qualifications, knowledge and skills requirements in a cover letter and attach a *Curriculum Vitae* with the name and contact details of three referees. All documents should be written in English and provided as separate files. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in Paris (France). The selected candidate should start in the beginning of 2024.

Please apply to: bgiovani@euphresco.net with "Euphresco_III_Your Name" in the title. Applications close on 31 August 2023 23:59 (Paris time).