

Announcement of vacancies at the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute

The Institute for Biodiversity of the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries in Braunschweig, Germany, is looking for a

Scientific Staff Member (f, m, d)
(Agroecology, Environmental Sciences, Geoecology)

from the next possible date until 31.10.2023 in part-time with 65% of the regular weekly working hours on the topic of

“Agroecological transformation towards sustainable land use systems”.

The position is linked to the EU-funded project "Agroecology for Europe" (AE4EU). The aim of AE4EU is to develop a conceptual framework for agricultural Living Labs (LL) and similar research infrastructures (RI) for the European Union and to develop a European network for the exchange of agroecology actors. AE4EU will improve the understanding of structures and functions of existing LL/ RI and develop tools and frameworks for future LL/ RI to accelerate the transition to sustainable agriculture and food systems. Overall, AE4EU will empirically analyse current LL and RI, identify successes and barriers to the transition to sustainable land use, and develop resources to inform future strategies for agroecology in Europe and beyond.

Task description:

- Creation of a database on established LL and RI using existing information and further data from questionnaire surveys
- Conduct questionnaire surveys for (selected) LL/ RI
- Trait-based analysis of functional and structural characteristics in current LL and RI
- Analysis of methods for monitoring and research data management in LL and RI
- Evaluation of LL and RI with regard to sustainability aspects
- Contribute to the development of concepts and guidelines for future LL/ RI and support the development of toolboxes
- Supporting the preparation of reports, presentations and manuscripts, as well as presenting project-related results at internal and external meetings and conferences
- Supporting the organisation and implementation of focus group meetings
- Support the development of SMART indicators

Your profile:

- University degree (M.Sc., Univ. Diploma) in agroecology, environmental sciences, landscape ecology, sustainability, geoecology or closely related fields required
- Doctorate desirable
- Interest in agricultural and environmental topics and a good understanding of agroecosystems and agricultural systems required
- Experience in the application of multidisciplinary methods and working practices is an advantage
- Experience in statistical data analysis, especially trait-based analysis, preferably with R, required
- Extensive knowledge of stakeholder analyses and experience in stakeholder participation desirable
- Ability to work independently required
- Experience with inter- and transdisciplinary teamwork and with working in international and multi-partner research projects advantageous
- Fluency in written and spoken English

We offer you the opportunity to work in an active and stimulating research environment on socially highly relevant issues at the interface between science and practice.

We support the compatibility of work and family and are holders of the 'Audit Job and Family' certificate. In order to support the compatibility of work and family, the Thünen Institute offers flexible working time models, home office and teleworking within the scope of the official possibilities.

The employment relationship is based on the provisions of the collective agreement for the public service (TVöD). The salary is paid in accordance with pay group 13 of the TVöD if the requirements of the collective agreement are met.

The Thünen Institute promotes professional equality between women and men and therefore expressly welcomes applications from women.

The Thünen Institute is committed to inclusion. Applications from people with severe disabilities are therefore expressly welcome. They are given special consideration in the selection process and they are only required to have a minimum level of physical aptitude.

For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Jens Dauber (jens.daubert@thuenen.de) or PD Dr. Jan Thiele (jan.thiele@thuenen.de).

Please send your application with a curriculum vitae in table form, a description of your education and professional career, addresses for two references and copies of certificates by **15.11.2022**, quoting the reference number **2022-306-BD-AE4EU** electronically (as one pdf-document) to

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