

**0.8 fte Post doctoral researcher (for two years)**  
**'Participatory Appraisal of EU climate change policies'**

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The Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is looking for a researcher in environmental science, social science, or policy studies to join the work on the Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies: Supporting European Climate Policy (ADAM) project that is funded by the European Union. The contract will be conditional of availability of funding.

**The Institute**

IVM is the oldest environmental research institute in the Netherlands. Since its creation in 1971, IVM has built up considerable experience in dealing with the complexities of environmental problems. Its purpose is to contribute to sustainable development and the rehabilitation and preservation of the environment through academic research and training. The institute has repeatedly been evaluated as the best Dutch research group in this field. IVM's research community of about 120 scientists and support staff addresses challenging environmental problems and offers both pragmatic and innovative solutions.

**The ADAM project**

ADAM - ADaptation And Mitigation Strategies: Supporting European Climate Policy – is an Integrated Project funded by the European Commission under FP6, which started in March 2006. It has a total budget of €19m, of which about €13m is funded by the EU. The Consortium is led by the Tyndall Centre in the UK and comprises 26 research institutions, 24 in Europe plus one in India and one in China. The ADAM project aims to give insight into the synergies and conflicts that exist between adaptation and mitigation policies. Crucially, ADAM aims to support EU policy development in the next stage of the development of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular negotiations around a post-2012 global climate policy regime, and will inform the emergence of new adaptation strategies for Europe. The main impact of the ADAM project will be to improve the quality and relevance of scientific contributions to the development and evaluation of climate change policy options within the European Commission. This will help the Commission to deliver on its current medium-term climate policy objectives and help inform its development of a longer-term climate strategy.

**Tasks**

The post will take a pivotal role in the ongoing work in the ADAM project to develop and apply a highly innovative new methodology for the appraisal of climate change policy options. This Policy Appraisal Framework (PAF) makes use of participatory methods, modelling tools and policy analysis approaches, in order to bring together diverse information about the impacts and implications of particular climate change policy options. The key part of the development is to integrate the various elements (building blocks) into participatory appraisal, and support case studies in their application

of the PAF. In particular, this post will apply the PAF to the case study of the European electricity sector, through appraising current proposals by the EU Commission and other European policy actors. (The other major ADAM case studies focus on EU development assistance, the post-2012 international climate regime, and regional policy.) This task involves a structured process of exploring and appraising policy options in deliberative exercises with relevant stakeholders of the European electricity sector, and evaluating the results.

### **Requirements**

We are looking for an innovative and forward thinking researcher with a formal academic training to PhD level in a social, environmental or policy science discipline. Candidates should have previous academic research experience in the areas of policy analysis, institutions, and participatory integrated assessment of climate change. In addition to these core skills, it will be an advantage to have knowledge of European climate change policy, in particular of the electricity sector. Also, the candidate should take into account that the project implies a fair amount of travelling through Europe.

Besides excellent research skills, we would prefer someone who is highly organised, a good team worker, who can work independently, who has excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, and who is confident in networking with a wide range of scientists and other stakeholders involved in climate policy.

Candidates with recent direct research experience on policy issues regarding the electricity sector, at the international, EU or national level are especially welcome to apply.

### **Salary**

The position will be made on a 0,8 fte basis, in salary scale 11 (which, on a full time appointment, ranges from 3024 to 4140 euro per month). The appointment will be for 2 years.

### **Additional information**

Informal enquiries regarding this post can be obtained from Dr. Marleen van de Kerkhof at [marleen.van.de.kerkhof@ivm.vu.nl](mailto:marleen.van.de.kerkhof@ivm.vu.nl), or 31-(0)20-5989531. Please also have a look at the project's website: <http://www.adamproject.eu/>

### **Applications**

Written applications including a CV should be addressed within 2 weeks after this announcement to the Vrije Universiteit, dr. J.M.R.M. Neutelings, Managing Director, Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences, De Boelelaan 1085, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands (the vacancy number should be mentioned on the letter and on the envelop) or email to: [falw-vacature@falw.vu.nl](mailto:falw-vacature@falw.vu.nl).