

The Marie-Curie Research Training Network

“Multi-level Governance of Natural Resources: Tools and Processes for Water and Biodiversity Governance in Europe” (GoverNat)

is proud to offer:

- 9 positions for early-stage researchers from April 2007 to March 2010, one in each of the consortium partner organisations (but IREAS);
- 3 positions for experienced researchers from July 2007 to January 2010 at UFZ, SRI and IF (see below).

Deadlines for applications are: 15 Dec 2006 for the early-stage researcher appointments and 15 April 2007 for the experienced researcher appointments.

Appointees will be trained and undertake research on environmental governance in Europe, particularly of biodiversity and water, to contribute to the designing of legitimate and effective solutions for communication between policy makers, scientists and the public in science-policy interfaces. The appointed fellows will also have internships at praxis partners to gain an “insider perspective” to the challenges of making decisions on environmental governance at different spatial scales.

The **overall objective** of GoverNat is to develop new solutions for multi-level environmental governance and to facilitate their use by decision makers in an enlarged EU. The **central research objective** is to test the hypothesis that certain participatory processes and analytical decision tools are particularly useful for improving multi-level environmental governance. **Specific research objectives** therefore address the enhanced understanding of multi-level governance of natural resources, the development of methods of public and stakeholder participation to be used in such contexts, the effective utilisation of specific analytical decision tools in multi-level governance, and the reflective evaluation of such use. These four tasks are necessarily interdisciplinary. GoverNat brings together a critical mass of excellent partners to attain these objectives and to overcome disciplinary and policy fragmentation.

Consortium of this project:

1. UFZ – Environmental Research Centre Leipzig - Halle, Germany (F. Rauschmayer);
2. ECOMAN - Ecological Economics and Management, Lisbon, Portugal (P. Antunes);
3. NERI - Danish Environmental Research Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark (M. S. Andersen);
4. SRI - Sustainable Research Institute, Leeds, United Kingdom (J. Paavola);
5. ICTA – Institute for Environmental Science and Technology, Barcelona, Spain (S. v.d. Hove);
6. CSWM – Centre for the Sustainable Water Management, Lancaster, United Kingdom (W. Medd);
7. UStutt - Institute for Sociology, Stuttgart, Germany (O. Renn);
8. IF - Institute of Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovak Republic (T. Kluvánková-Oravská);
9. IELM-SIU - St. Istvan University, Budapest, Hungary (G. Pataki);
10. IREAS - Institute for Structural Policy, Slovak Republic (V. Chobotova).

plus several committed praxis partners in different countries.

Details of project and of application requirements:

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