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The **Centre for Studies on Sustainable Development (Centre d'Etudes du Développement Durable - [www.ulb.ac.be/igeat/cedd](http://www.ulb.ac.be/igeat/cedd))** is one of the research units of IGEAT. It is dedicated to research on the socio-political, juridical and economic evolutions within the realms of sustainable development policies. Amongst the fields of activities covered by its members are : analysis of the concept(ion)s of sustainable development including issue domains such as sustainable consumption patterns, participatory policy mechanisms, prospective studies; analysis of policy instruments and evaluation processes; analysis and production of states-of-the-environment, including environmental indicators; study of science-society interrelations, in particular in issues related to energy use and climate change; and, the generic interrelations between economics and environmental policy.

We are looking to strengthen our interdisciplinary team of researchers. Your research activities will be closely related to a European research project, financed by the European Commission (DG Research) under its 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, which is collaboratively accomplished by a European consortium of a number of research centres. The research project (POINT – Policy Influence of indicaTors) engages to *investigate the influences and impacts of environmental (e.g. Ecological Footprint) and sustainable development (e.g. Human Development Index) indicators on European decision-actors* (including, policy-makers, administrations, medias, stakeholders...) *and their policies*.

#### **Your tasks within the project:**

- Participating to the configuration of an original analytical framework to comprehend the influence of indicators onto decision-making, on the basis of an extensive collaborative literature review.
- Analysing the specific impacts of composite indicators as well as indexes (in the realm of environmental and sustainable development policy-making) on the basis of an extensive series of interviews with policy-actors and a document analysis.
- Co-organising several working seminars within the research consortium, as well as a final international dissemination workshop/conference.
- Participating actively to the dissemination and validation of research results within the scientific community (i.e. produce publications and participate to international conferences).
- Contributing to the identification of additional research opportunities and funding schemes.

#### **Your profile:**

- A strong university diploma (Master-level or higher), preferentially in social sciences (i.e. political sciences, sociology, economics...). A specialisation in Environmental Management and/or Policy is considered a value added.
- A personal drive towards applied interdisciplinary research questions in the wider domain of environmental policy. A preceding experience in a research project is a value added.
- Knowledge of European environmental policies, possibly with an insight into their use of references to indicators.
- A capacity to conduct research, interact with colleagues and produce outputs in English. Active knowledge of French (at the level of a working language) and passive comprehension of Dutch is considered a value added.
- Experience to work autonomously towards committed deadlines.

We offer you the inclusion into our dynamic research team, flexible and human working conditions, a considerable research autonomy also to develop and pursue your personal research agenda, and thus to integrate durably our research unit. Employment is based on a full-time (negotiable) contract for 24 months. Our offices are located in the centre of Brussels at the Solbosch Campus (avenue FD Roosevelt).

#### **Method of application**

Any further information on the position or the research project can be obtained through Tom Bauler ([tbauler@ulb.ac.be](mailto:tbauler@ulb.ac.be) / +32.2.650.49.24). To apply, send an extensive curriculum vita, a cover letter stating your motivation, and (if applicable) any document stating your prior expertise in the research domain (e.g. publication, Master/PhD-thesis) to [tbauler@ulb.ac.be](mailto:tbauler@ulb.ac.be) before **10<sup>th</sup> September 2008**.