
Research assistant for a study on scenarios for sustainable livestock systems

Full time · starting September 2017 · Université catholique de Louvain

Fixed-term contract · Louvain-la-Neuve · apply no later than : July 18th, 2017

Project

Study on scenarios towards 2050 for sustainable livestock and food patterns in Belgium

A new study has been commissioned to the team by an NGO. The study aims at exploring several scenarios for the development of the livestock sector in Belgium towards 2050 and assess their social, economic and environmental impacts. The diversity of production models of each of the main livestock productions in the area of Belgium will be documented, and scenarios for the future including food consumptions aspects will be built up and commented. The study will allow identifying a pathway for the livestock sector and food patterns that favor environmental sustainability in Belgium.

Your tasks

- Reviewing available literature (both regional and international publications)
- Carrying out stakeholders' interviews in order to collect data
- Organizing and leading focus groups
- Analyzing and synthesizing data
- Designing scenarios
- Writing up report and executive summary

The research assistant will be under the supervision of a project manager.

Profile

Master degree in agronomy or related area, with 0-2 years of experience. We are looking for the following skills: ability to interact with a diversity of stakeholders, interest in research, ability to understand and synthesize a large amount of information, capability of rolling out the project steps, writing skills (included in English). Experience in research, comparative analysis of agricultural production systems, prospective scenarios design, or familiarity with the agricultural sector stakeholders in Wallonia and Flanders are assets.

Fluency in Flemish, French and English is required. German is an asset.

Team

Our team is hosted in the Earth & Life Institute, Faculté des bioingénieurs de l'Université catholique de Louvain, and is directed by Pr. Philippe Baret. The team conducts research projects and strategic studies that aim at spreading knowledge about agricultural systems and the obstacles and levers to an agroecological transition.

Conditions

One-year contract starting from September 2017.

Located in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

Remuneration based on internal referential (Université catholique de Louvain)

Application process: Please send a CV and a motivation letter by email at

clementine.antier@uclouvain.be. Interviews will be held between mid July and mid August.