The Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy is a pioneer and a driver of bioeconomy research. We create the scientific foundation to transform agricultural, food, industrial and energy systems into a comprehensive bio-based circular economy. We develop and integrate techniques, processes and management strategies, effectively converging technologies to intelligently crosslink highly diverse bioeconomic production systems and to control them in a knowledge-based, adaptive and largely automated manner. We conduct research in dialogue with society - knowledge-motivated and application-inspired.

ATB is coordinator of the Horizon Europe project MarginUp! - Raising the bio-based industrial feedstock capacity of Marginal Lands, an innovation action within the topic: Innovating sustainable bio-based systems and the bioeconomy - Marginal lands and climate-resilient and biodiversity-friendly crops for sustainable industrial feedstocks and related value chains (HORIZON-CL6-2022-CircBio-01-02). The MarginUp! project proposes a strategy to secure use and return profitability on marginal lands. Its main objective is to introduce climate-resilient and biodiversity-friendly non-food crops for sustainable industrial feedstock in marginalised and low-productivity lands. The project will focus on producing biomass to be used as raw material for the production of bioproducts and biofuels, which in turn, will create a sustainable and circular value chain, increasing the farming system resilience in rural areas. To further enhance the biodiversity beneficial impact, MarginUp! is focusing on understanding which marginal lands are suitable for low ILUC biomass production. The knowledge gathered in this project will be put into practice in five different use cases located in five different regions across Europe. Moreover, international cooperation has been considered and examination and identification of marginal lands will extend to non-European countries. To ensure the success of the project, MarginUp! will have a replication network to address the needs and requirements of relevant stakeholders, including, policymakers, land managers, farmers, the bio-based industry, environmental authorities, the academia and the civil society.

We would like to fill the following position for the mentioned project subject to project approval, starting on November 1st, 2022

Scientist/Project Coordinator (m/f/d) (100 %)

Your responsibilities

- Coordinating and managing the project and partners’ activities as a member of the project coordination team
- Organizing, presiding, moderating and documenting project and research activities, meetings, workshops and conferences
- Monitoring and evaluating project activities and compliance by the partners
- Following-up and adapting the planning and execution of work packages
- Initiating and contributing to research activities related to the techno-economic, socio-technical and socio-ecological analysis of integrated systems
- Investigating technical, social and institutional innovations, capacity development and governance models
- Contributing to research on systems transformations, entrepreneurship, value chains, business models and business environments development
- Engaging in replication and capacity building activities
- Disseminating, communicating and clustering with related projects
- Presenting results at national and international conferences and publishing among others in peer-reviewed, international journals
- Writing and communicating reports on project activities, progress and results for internal and external partners as well as completing deliverables for funding authority
- Collecting, reviewing to verify consistency and submitting reports, other deliverables and specific requested documents to the funding authority
- Collaborating in the design and implementation of courses as well as supervision of graduation theses at the university

Your qualifications

- Great interest in innovation studies, business management and rural development
- Excellent project management skills
- Excellent university degree or doctorate in social sciences, humanities, political sciences, agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, economics or other subject area related to the project
Scientific expertise and ability to conceptualize and initiate empirical analyses based on sound theoretical reasoning preferably demonstrated in one or more fields of activity relevant to the project
- Relevant experience with quantitative, qualitative and interdisciplinary research methods
- Excellent English oral and writing skills
- Good intercultural communication, detail oriented and teamwork skills
- Experience in coordinating collaborative projects with many partners in an international context
- Experience with the administrative handling of EU projects desired
- Experience in publishing and presenting project results, organizing and moderating project events
- Willingness to travel within Europe
- Independent work, personal commitment, reliability, flexibility, organisational skills, detail oriented and the ability to work in a team as well as willingness to cooperate

We offer
- Current research on bioeconomy related topics and the transformation of sociotechnical systems
- Cooperation with an interdisciplinary experts team in a highly competitive international project
- A challenging and self-responsible activity in a collegial and trusting working atmosphere
- Very good conditions for your own scientific development and support of your own research projects at a high international level
- Possibility of further academic training at a Leibniz Institute and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the Berlin Workshop in Institutional Analysis of Social-Ecological Systems (WINS)
- Family-friendly working conditions that promote the compatibility of work and family life
- Company-owned electric bicycles for business trips
- Participation on the VBB company ticket
- Our institute is located on the edge of a picturesque park-like landscape and is easy to reach by public transport or by bike

This full-time position (100%) is limited until September 30th, 2026. This vacancy is subject to project approval. The salary is based on your qualification and professional experience according to TV-L up to salary group 13.

For further information, please contact PD Dr. Philipp Grundmann (E-Mail pgrundmann@atb-potsdam.de) and visit our website www.atb-potsdam.de.

If you would like to contribute your professional competence to our interdisciplinary research, please apply by the following deadline August 28, 2022 using ATB’s online application form for the job advertisement, code 2022-2-4, at https://www.atb-potsdam.de/en/career/vacancies. Applications received after the application deadline cannot be considered.

Equality of opportunity is part of our personnel policy. Disabled applicants with adequate qualification will be preferentially considered.

By submitting an application, you agree that your job application documents will be stored for a period of six months, even in the case of an unsuccessful application. Further information on the processing, storage and protection of your personal data can be found at https://www.atb-potsdam.de/en/services/data-protection-declaration-for-the-application-process.

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