

Horizon 2020 *International Liaisons, Communication and Outreach Officer* – Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources, Portugal

CIBIO – Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources, through ICETA - Instituto de Ciências, Tecnologias e Agroambiente da Universidade do Porto, is seeking to recruit a Horizon 2020 *International Liaisons, Communication and Outreach Officer* (Reference ICETA 2021-03) to oversee internal and external operations relating to the project “TROPIBIO – *Expanding potential in Tropical Biodiversity and ecosystem research towards sustainable life on land*” (Reference N° 854248), funded by the European Commission under the call H2020-WIDESPREAD-2018-04, and with an overall budget of 2.5M€ (Project duration: October 2019 – March 2025).

The project aims to expand the research and innovation potential of CIBIO, through the creation of an ERA Chair in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems Research. Taking advantage of historical and cultural links, the project is rooted on the network of Twin Labs established between CIBIO and institutions from Portuguese-speaking African countries, aiming to support research in biodiversity assessment, conservation and sustainable use, and ecosystem function and services, thereby contributing to achieve the Life on Land goal of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The *International Liaisons, Communication and Outreach Officer* will oversee communications within the project network, developing and implementing the communications and outreach strategy, contributing to the organization of meetings, workshops, seminars, and field-courses, coordinating young researchers placements and academic visits, contributing to research proposals, and managing relationships among the project’s diverse stakeholders. The successful candidate will also be responsible for developing a public outreach strategy, tools and materials focused on awareness raising about conservation and sustainable development in the focal countries of the TROPIBIO project.

The successful applicant will be based at the laboratory facilities of CIBIO, which is a young and highly dynamic research centre located near Porto, in Northern Portugal, which conducts world-class research in the fields of biodiversity and evolution. It is an inclusive, equal opportunity employer offering attractive conditions and benefits. The Centre offers great opportunities for multidisciplinary research and hosts more than 30 research groups, which include over 160 PhD level researchers, and over 100 MSc and PhD students, from across the world. The Centre has state of the art ecology and molecular laboratories and conducts research projects at a global scale. The working language of the institute is English, and it offers a vibrant, multicultural and enthusiastic working atmosphere. In addition, the Northern region of Portugal provides rich cultural and outdoor activities and Porto is a UNESCO world-heritage city and the capital of Port wine.

Role Responsibilities:

Tasks carried out by the Horizon 2020 *International Liaisons, Communication and Outreach Officer* will include:

- Familiarise oneself with the TROPIBIO project and research network, ensuring that robust mechanisms are in place to support day-to-day communication and coordination on longer term objectives;
- Support the ERA Chair in the building of relations with top level research institutions;
- Coordinate the engagement of international stakeholders in the project's knowledge mobilization strategy
- Develop education and outreach materials aimed at local stakeholders and other conservation actors in focal countries;
- Support the Project Coordinator and the ERA Chair holder in the development of communication activities related TROPIBIO, especially those related to conferences, workshops and seminars;
- Coordinate young researchers placements and academic visits related to the TROPIBIO project and strengthen/build relationships with researchers in lusophone countries, including Brazil;
- Develop and implement a strong brand identity and social media presence for the TROPBIO project
- Periodically report to the Project Coordinator and the ERA Chair holder.

Background and experience required:

- Hold a minimum of a PhD in environmental science.
- Experience in coordinating conservation and outreach projects (in Portuguese).
- Experience with EC project management is advantageous.
- Experience of implementing conservation research projects in tropical countries.
- Good experience of scientific publication in conservation/ecology
- Experience teaching on/coordinating postgraduate programmes in ecology and conservation
- Strong team work skills;
- Excellent interpersonal, presentation, and verbal communication skills in Portuguese and English.

Start date:

ASAP, following agreement.

Benefits:

- Initial appointment for 4 years (or until the conclusion of the project, depending on agreed starting date);
- Internationally competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience;
- Significant opportunities for travelling, training, conference attendance and networking;

Workplace and location:

The work will mainly be carried out at CIBIO – Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources, University of Porto (Campus Agrário de Vairão, Rua Padre Armando Quintas, 4485-661 Vairão, Portugal; Coordinates: N41.328940, W8.672635). However, the hired person may be required to spend some time in other labs/institutes, both in Portugal and elsewhere, in the scope of the activities of the TROPIBIO project.

Application:

The applications are formalized at the electronic address <http://www.cibio.pt> with following documents in a digital form, in PDF format:

- Detailed *Curriculum Vitae*;
- A brief (2-pages) motivation letter;
- Qualifications Certificate

The application period is from **24/02/2021 to 09/03/2021**.

Evaluation and Selection Jury:

Applicants will be evaluated by a Selection Jury composed of:

Richard Ladle, TROPIBIO ERA Chair holder

Pedro Beja, TROPIBIO Project Coordinator & CIBIO Directive Board member

Fredrik Oxelfelt, TROPIBIO Project Manager

Paulo Célio Alves, CIBIO Research Group leader & CIBIO Directive Board member (Subst.)

Selection process

All applicants will initially be evaluated based on their Curriculum Vitae (40%) and motivation letter (10%). A shortlist based on the evaluation of the written applications will be used to select candidates for interview, which will allow a final evaluation (50%).

Websites:

<http://cibio.up.pt/>

<http://cibio-tropibio.pt/en/>

According to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 April 2016 (Data Protection Regulation (RPD)) and in order to guarantee the correct treatment of data, ICETA informs that when the candidate submits his application, the authorization by the candidate is implied, the collection and processing of the data provided in this recruitment process, as well as the publication of the results of the same, in accordance with the current legislation.