

JOB DESCRIPTION

Science Officer European and Global Project – Seascope Belgium

Secretariat of the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)

Start date: As soon as possible

Duration: Permanent position

Working hours: Full time

Employer: Seascope Belgium

Location: Seascope Belgium Brussels Office, Brussel, België (Tribes Central Station). Travel to meetings elsewhere in Europe and beyond will be required from time to time.

Short description:

Seascope Belgium seeks to recruit an experienced and high-performing Science Officer and Project Manager to take on a position as Science Officer European and Global Projects. This position will extend the remit and support the Secretariat of the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) which is administered by Seascope Belgium for the European Commission by contributing to selected projects with a focus on ocean knowledge management, science policy support, stakeholder communication and engagement, strategic road mapping and marine environmental management. The incumbent will also support Seascope's role providing the EMODnet Secretariat to further develop and implement its EMODnet for Global Strategy, fully exploit its role as Ocean Decade Implementing Partner and strengthen the EMOD-network along the marine knowledge value chain in Europe and globally.

Role & Responsibilities:

The tasks and responsibilities will have particular focus on

- 1) European project development and implementation:
 - Support the project management and implementation of existing European collaborative projects with specific reference to ensuring quality of outputs, coherence between activities and content development;
 - Contribute and/or lead specific tasks in related research, outreach and partnership initiatives;
 - Contribute to pan-European technical studies on data requirements and product development, e.g. for the implementation of marine spatial planning, biodiversity protection, pollution, marine data and knowledge sharing mechanisms, ocean observing and interoperability issues;
 - Work with other members the team by contributing to high-quality papers, minutes and reports.
- 2) Coordinate the development of international collaborations of Seascope Belgium and the implementation of the EMODnet for global strategy, among other by
 - Providing dedicated management support for the implementation of the EMODnet for Global & EMODnet for the Ocean Decade Strategy and manage the EMODnet for the Ocean Decade Group (with support from Head of the Secretariat and the two co-chairs);
 - Supporting the project management of existing international collaborative initiatives;
 - Assisting with developing new bi-lateral collaborations and projects between EU (EMODnet) and other countries and regions depending on EC policy priorities;
 - Assisting with the gathering support and positioning of EMODnet in the Ocean Decade and implementation of the Ocean Data and Information Strategic Plan.

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Profile and competences required:

The successful candidate is expected to have the following qualifications and competences:

- Qualification in a relevant discipline at Masters level or higher with a specialisation in oceanography, marine or environmental science;
- Demonstrable track record with at least 7 years of experience working as a Science officer or project manager overseeing work involving ocean science, data manipulation, data and information product development, science policy advice, environmental assessment and/or marine knowledge generation/management;
- Good communication skills: able to report progress and issues in an effective manner internally and externally at (technical) expert group meetings;
- Excellent Project Management skills, able to combine social, organisational and project management efficiency with knowledge of scientific and technical challenges.
- Excellent standard of spoken and written English. Knowledge of other European languages would be an advantage;
- Excellent organisational skills with capacity to multitask, to deliver on allocated tasks and to meet deadlines in pressurised situations;
- Ability to build successful and productive relationships with stakeholders, user groups and other project team members.

Additional expertise and qualities which would be beneficial:

- Familiarity with EMODnet and its European and global partners, its underpinning data infrastructures (EurOBIS, SeaDataNet, ...) and partner initiatives such as Copernicus Marine;
- Knowledge and understanding of global programmes, including the Ocean Decade Actions, IOC-GOOS, IOC-IODE would also be beneficial;
- Awareness and understanding of the marine science and policy landscape in Europe as well as the data and information requirements of the main stakeholders operating in this domain;
- Experience with processing Earth observation and *in situ* data, ocean modelling, marine data management and knowledge of advanced ICT tools, formats and terminology (Geotiff, ESRI Shapefile, netCDF, OGC, INSPIRE, QGIS, ESRI ArcGIS, GDAL, PostGIS, GeoServer, GeoNetwork, GeoNode, Openlayers, Leaflet, GeoExt, etc.), (geospatial) data infrastructures and platforms;
- Working knowledge of website content management systems (preferably Drupal) and project management systems (Confluence and Jira);
- Familiarity with key EMODnet user communities, particularly in relation to their needs for data, information and knowledge.

Salary:

This post commands an attractive remuneration package; salary will commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Application procedure:

Written applications comprising a cover letter and CV should be submitted via email to recruitment@seascopebelgium.be. Applications will be reviewed as they are received with potential interview and processing shortly after. The position will be offered to the first applicant who meets the selection criteria (see profile and competences required) and positive assessment after satisfactory interview and test evaluation (if applicable).

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About Seascope

Seascope Belgium is an environmental consultancy specialised in the provision of high-level advice to the marine sector, including industry, policymakers, NGOs and regulatory bodies. Our expertise includes marine and environmental project management, stakeholder consultation and engagement, promotion of ocean literacy and the management of marine data and information. We work alongside leading scientists around the world, and are partners in a number of major European research programmes addressing marine issues. For a full overview of the project portfolio and activities, please visit our website at www.seascopebelgium.be.

About EMODnet

EMODnet is a long-term marine data initiative from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) underpinning its Marine Knowledge 2020 strategy. EMODnet comprises a consortium of more than 160 organisations assembling European marine data, data products and metadata from diverse sources. The main purpose of EMODnet is to unlock fragmented and hidden marine data resources, make these data widely available and to facilitate investment in sustainable coastal and offshore activities through improved access to quality-assured, standardised and interoperable marine data that are free of restrictions on use. Currently, EMODnet comprises seven sub-portals that provide access to marine data covering bathymetry, geology, physics, chemistry, biology, seabed habitats and human activities and a Data Ingestion portal. All of these will be integrated into the EMODnet Central Portal where you can find more information (<https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en>) as well as on the Maritime Forum (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/>). The EMODnet community is supported by a dedicated Secretariat, based in Ostend, Belgium.

More information about Seascope Belgium providing the EMODnet Secretariat can be found here: <https://seascopebelgium.be/>.