

Terra Nova PhD Position

Host institution	Rewilding Europe, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
Main supervisor	Alexandros Karamanlidis
Co-supervisors	Prof. Dr. Henrique Pereira (iDiv) & Chantal van Ham (IUCN)
Application dates	02.03.2019-15.04.2019
Starting date	01.10.2019
Duration	3 years

Supervision

This PhD will be jointly supervised by Dr. Alexandros Karamanlidis (Rewilding Europe, Netherlands), Prof. Henrique Pereira (Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) at the Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany), and Chantal van Ham (IUCN, Brussels). Three secondments will take place: one at the Martin Luther University in Halle-Wittenberg for training in ecology and rewilding (2 months); one at IUCN Brussels for training on nature governance (3 months), and one at Aarhus University (Denmark) to learn geospatial analysis and advanced eco-informatics (3 months).

Host organisations and remuneration

[Rewilding Europe](#) is Europe's leading initiative in the field of reconnecting modern society with wilder nature, allowing natural processes to shape our landscapes and meet socio-economic needs. [iDiv](#) specialises in training young scientists in transdisciplinary biodiversity research.

Two research groups at iDiv - "Biodiversity Conservation" and "Ecosystem Services" - address topics of relevance for this project. The [IUCN](#) is the focal point for Europe's nature policies and partnerships, with a mission to influence, encourage and assist countries in Europe in conserving the integrity and diversity of nature, and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

The salary of this position will be paid monthly, based on EU and national regulations.

Figures can be found [here](#).

What can we offer you?

- A challenging position in a socially involved organisation. Remuneration according to the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) (MSCA) programme.
- Be part of a team of leading scientists in different fields of academia and commerce (science, landscape management, modelling and imaging techniques).
- Prestigious EU fellowship.
- Develop a wide range of research skills.
- Benefit from an excellent training programme including human-environment interaction, landscape histories, reconstruction and management, energy regimes and spatial planning.
- Establish a professional network in academia, business and the non-governmental sector.
- Internships and visits to different disciplinary institutes within industry and academia.

What we are looking for?

You will have a MA/MSc (or equivalent degree) in geography, ecology, environmental science or related fields. We expect a strong interest in well-functioning ecosystems and natural solutions to spatial issues. Experience with GIS is mandatory. Practical experience in restoration/rewilding projects is an asset.

How to apply

Applicants should submit a letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, copies of the final transcripts of bachelors and masters studies (if already completed), a summary of their master's thesis, as well as the names and contact information or reference letters of two referees. These documents should be e-mailed as a single PDF file to Alexandros Karamanlidis before 1700 on April 15, 2019 (alexandros.karamanlidis@rewildingeurope.com).

Application steps

- Please check that you meet the conditions specified in the [Eligibility Criteria](#)

before applying.

- All researchers recruited in a Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN must be Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs). An ESR shall, at the time of recruitment by the host organisation, be in the first four years of their research careers and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree. These four years begin when a researcher obtains a degree formally entitling him/her to embark on a doctorate.
- Researchers are required to undertake transnational mobility (i.e. move from one country to another) when taking up their appointment. One general rule applies to the appointment of researchers: at the time of recruitment by the host beneficiary, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host beneficiary for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the reference date. Note that the mobility rule applies to the beneficiary where the researcher is recruited, and not to beneficiaries to which the researcher is sent or seconded.
- For all recruitment purposes, the eligibility and mobility of the researcher will be determined at the time of their (first) recruitment in the project. The status of the researcher will not evolve over the lifetime of a contract.
- Please provide evidence that you meet the above mentioned eligibility requirements in an annex to your CV.

Key dates

Application deadline: April 15, 2019 @ 1700 hrs

Evaluation, interviews and selection process: April 16, 2019 - June 20, 2019*

Successful candidates informed: June 21, 2019

PhDs employed and ready to start: October 1, 2019

*An assessment event at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam may be part of the selection process

Contact and questions

Any questions regarding this research project should be directed to Alexandros Karamanlidis.

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