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Integrated in iDiv, The Leipzig University offers the following position:

### **HiWi/student assistance**

**in support for project:**

**'Towards the next reform of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy: evaluating the new greening measures from Ecological and Socio-economic perspectives'**

(10-19 hrs/week, starting September 2018,

initially limited until 31. December 2018 with the possibility of an extension)

Salary: depending on your personal profile, a payment of 9,87 €/h to 11,49 €/h

#### **Background:**

- We are conducting an interdisciplinary evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and how it affects people, landscapes, biodiversity, and ecosystem services. The project links science, policy and societal causes and consequences of environmental change.
- Our work accompanies the ongoing CAP reform, to help shaping the design of the CAP post-2020. Accordingly, we seek to maximise dissemination and communication with policy-makers and stakeholders and seek to provide them with the most relevant evidence to feed the reform process.
- Your work will support our efforts to develop publications and research proposals related to our research outcomes, as well as taking part in coordination, dissemination and outreach.
- The work is done as part of the Synthesis Centre of the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) in Leipzig, and in close collaboration with the Dept. of Ecosystem Services and Dept. of Economics at the UFZ – Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research.

#### **Main activities:**

- Assistance in the preparation of a research proposal, and in the writing of at least one publication.
- Help organizing a workshop with scientists and stakeholders to develop recommendations for the next CAP.
- In the case of prolongation: organising data toward analysis of the link between policy decisions, socioeconomic factors and biodiversity trends (for birds and butterflies) across scales.

You will be encouraged to be integrated into publications and/or expand the project, e.g. toward an MSc thesis.

#### **Requirements / expected profile:**

- You should hold at least a B.Sc. in a related research discipline (e.g. ecology, environmental resource management, geography).
- We seek candidates who can work and think independently, develop and implement own ideas, and persistence in completing tasks.
- To work with various people and stakeholders, we need someone with good communication skills (especially written), both in German and English.
- Experience in working within an interdisciplinary context, including the handling and understanding of socioeconomic concepts and data, would be highly beneficial.
- Skills in a programming language (e.g. R) and/or GIS would also be beneficial, but are not a prerequisite.
- Your place of work would be the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) in Leipzig. Part-time home office options may be arranged upon necessity.

You will be employed as student assistant via Leipzig University. The project is supervised by Dr. Guy Pe'er, in collaboration with Prof. Aletta Bonn, Prof. Bernd Hansjürgens and Dr. Marten Winter.

If interested, we offer you the opportunity to enrol in an MSc thesis project in our group.

**Starting date should be September 2018. Applications are accepted until the position is filled.**

Applications should include:

- A brief cover letter describing motivation, research interests and relevant experience (max half a page)
- A tabular curriculum vitae listing relevant skills and qualifications (max 2 pages)
- BA certificate, if applicable

Applications should be directed to Dr Guy Pe'er ([guy.peer@ufz.de](mailto:guy.peer@ufz.de)) **with the reference "CAP HiWi project application" in the subject line.**

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The **German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)** is a DFG National Research Centre located in Leipzig and jointly hosted by the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), the Friedrich Schiller University Jena (FSU), the Leipzig University (UL) and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ). Its central mission is to promote theory-driven synthesis and data-driven theory in the emerging field of Biodiversity Science. The concept of iDiv encompasses the detection of biodiversity, understanding its emergence, exploring its consequences for ecosystem functions and services, and developing strategies to safeguard biodiversity under global change.