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**Vacancy announcement**  
**Recruitment of a “Replication Lab” Manager**  
**Area of expertise: Rural development**  
**Full-time, one-year contract**  
**Starting as soon as possible**

The Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier ([CIHEAM-IAMM](https://www.ciheam-iamm.org)), one of the four institutes of the **International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies** (CIHEAM), is an intergovernmental organisation whose mission is the development of higher education and lifelong learning, research and cooperation in the Mediterranean area.

**Context**

Departing from an updated conceptualisation of rurality based on the multi-dimensional nature of contemporary rural-urban interrelations and interdependencies, the GRANULAR project - which stands for “Giving Rural Actors Novel Data and Re-Usable Tools to Lead Public Action in Rural Areas” – aims to generate new insights for characterising rural diversity.

Funded by the Horizon Europe programme and led by CIHEAM-IAMM, GRANULAR gathers 23 partners (academic institutes, international organisations, NGOs, rural networks and local authorities) and uses participatory methods in 16 pilot territories across Europe in order to capture the complexity of challenges faced by rural areas with a local stakeholders’ perspective.

The project is structured in 7 work packages with many inter-linkages and will contribute to current scientific discussions through:

- (i) advancement of concepts to characterise rural diversity and grasp rural proofing;
- (ii) novel methods to generate data relevant to rural areas, and new thematic datasets;
- (iii) empirical findings from Multi-Actor Labs and from data analyses for specific topics.

Among this network of Multi-Actor Labs, CIHEAM-IAMM leads one Replication Lab in Albania which will assess how to replicate the tools, data and methods of the project to support decision-making in rural areas.

Based in the south-east of the Vjosa valley, in the Përmet region, the Replication Lab will test the tools made available by the project for territorial evaluation of development strategies that could then be implemented through a local action group (LAG) to be structured. These actions are taking place in the recent context of the protection of the Vjosa: the research question of the 'Replication Lab' will therefore be on analysing the multifunctionality of activities in the Përmet region and establishing local development strategies adapted to the new protected area.

CIHEAM-IAMM is looking for a full-time “Replication Lab” manager on a one-year contract to support the territory in all tasks relating to the collection, organisation, analysis and monitoring of activities within the scope of the GRANULAR project.

## Activities and Tasks

- Develop the Replication Lab's Action Plan to answer the research question "Analysis of the multifunctionality of activities in the Përmet region and the effects of protecting the Vjosa".
- Support the territorial diagnosis of the Përmet region by:
  - compiling and analysing existing data
  - implementing methodologies to provide indicators and tools for territorial evaluation of development strategies in support of the implementation of a LEADER strategy
- Synthesising the results for scaling up in Albania
- Contribution to the writing of reports and scientific papers
- Presentation of results within the project (towards the scientific partners and the network of Multi-Actor Labs) and towards the larger scientific community

The position will be based in Montpellier, France, at CIHEAM-IAMM and will involve regular travels to the Replication Lab area (Vjosa Valley, Përmet region, Albania).

## REQUIREMENTS

### Background:

PhD in rural development or environment, or similar

### Skills:

- Deep understanding of rural development challenges
- Good knowledge of mapping tools and handling spatial databases
- Clear understanding of stakeholders and biodiversity conservation
- Scientific curiosity, dynamic and collaborative team player, working with data
- Leadership, dialogue, autonomy
- Fieldwork (participatory practices)
- Knowledge of the Vjosa valley and Albanian local stakeholders highly appreciated
- Excellent writing skills

French: Excellent/good oral and written communication

English: Good oral and written communication

Albanian: Good oral communication required, as the position involves regular fieldwork in the country

Please contact Tristan Berchoux ([berchoux@iamm.fr](mailto:berchoux@iamm.fr)) for any question regarding the position.

**Closing date of the call for applications:** 16 June 2024

**Starting date:** as soon as possible

**Salary:** gross monthly salary of 2200€

### Selection process:

The application file must be sent by email with the following object "[GRANULAR] CDD" by 16 June 2024 to the following address: [emploi@iamm.fr](mailto:emploi@iamm.fr) with [kirsch@iamm.fr](mailto:kirsch@iamm.fr) in cc

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