

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Six-months full-time internship in Economics

The Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (CIHEAM Montpellier), one of the four institutes of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), is an intergovernmental organization whose mission is the development of higher education and lifelong learning, research and cooperation in the Mediterranean area. Within the scope of the NOVISHPAK project under the PRIMA-Section 2 program (ANR-24-P013-0012-06), CIHEAM Montpellier offers an internship.

CONTEXT

NOVISHPAK is a PRIMA Section 2 project aiming to develop innovative, cost-competitive, biodegradable packaging films and edible coatings with antimicrobial properties. They will be used for the shelf-life extension of Mediterranean fish fillets, with the potential however to be applied to other agro-industrial products as well. Within this 36-month project, 9 partners join forces to develop, produce, test, validate, evaluate in terms of consumers perspective and design business models for the packaging solutions proposed. Three (3) European Mediterranean countries (Greece, France, Malta), 1 North European country (Germany) and 3 North African countries (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) closely collaborate allowing for both cross-sectors interdependencies and regionalization. All partners work towards the knowledge-sharing and capacity building and contribute in the PRIMA WEFE community by the knowledge dissemination regarding the protocols of novel packaging solutions development and implementation. NOVISHPAK vision is to effectively contribute to food sustainability and healthy products development along with food waste reduction.

CIHEAM-IAMM is the leader of WP 5 entitled “Socio-economic impacts of innovative techniques and Business models”. The objectives of this WP are: i) perform a meso-economic analysis of impacts and diffusion conditions of the innovation within industrial chains and territories; ii) Map stakeholders’ organization models; iii) Assessment on the factors that determine consumers’ acceptance of novel packaging and coating products; and iv) Co-design of innovative Business Models.

INTERNSHIP OBJECTIVE

The objective of the internship is to develop and operationalise an integrated assessment model that simultaneously performs:

- Cost–Benefit Analysis (CBA)
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Risk and uncertainty analysis

The model will be applied to case studies in Malta and Greece, using data provided by the project partners, and will support WP5 analyses and deliverables.

ROLE

The Intern will be fully integrated into the NOVISPHAK WP5 team and will work under the supervision of the Principal Investigator. The Intern will contribute to the analytical core of WP5 by building the integrated modeling framework, running simulations for the Maltese and Greek case studies, and synthesising results for project deliverables and scientific outputs.

ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

- Organise and process socio-economic, technical, and environmental data provided by the consortium;
- Design and implement an **integrated CBA–LCA–Risk model** within a single analytical framework;
- Perform simulations for innovation scenarios in **Malta and Greece**;
- Conduct sensitivity and uncertainty analyses (e.g. scenario analysis, stochastic simulations);
- Support the interpretation of results in terms of economic viability, environmental performance, and risk trade-offs;
- Contribute to WP5 deliverables, technical reports, and presentations;

REQUIREMENTS

The intern must meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in the final year of, or recently graduated from, a **Master of Science** (or equivalent) in **Economics**, Environmental Economics, Sustainability Science, or a related field;
- Strong interest in **economic modeling**, sustainability assessment, and agri-food systems;
- Knowledge (or strong motivation to learn) **Cost–Benefit Analysis and/or Life Cycle Assessment**;
- Good quantitative and data analysis skills (Excel, R, Python, or similar);
- Very good oral and written communication skills in English.

PERSONAL SKILLS REQUIRED

- Excellent organizational skills, ability to establish and maintain lasting and constructive formal relationships;
- Dynamism, reactivity and autonomy;
- Excellent skills of writing and synthesis (ordinary correspondence, notes, messages, summary sheets);
- Good teamwork abilities, particularly in a multicultural and multi-disciplinary context;

SPECIFICATIONS

- Duration: 6 months;
- Starting date: 1st of April 2026;

- **Compensation:** Monthly internship allowance as per CIHEAM-IAMM policies
- Location: CIHEAM - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (3191 Route de Mende, 34090 Montpellier)
- **Supervisor :** Georgios Kleftodimos

BENEFITS

- Gain hands-on experience in a high-impact EU project.
- Practical experience in stakeholder analysis.
- Involvement in an international research team related to the agri-food systems.
- Development of research and analytical skills.

SELECTION PROCESS

The application must be written in English and include a CV and a cover letter concerning the missions defined in the internship description.

CIHEAM Montpellier is committed to a policy of non-discrimination and gender. Position open to people with disabilities.

Deadline for Submission: **12th February 2026**

Selection Committee: **13th February 2026**

Starting Date: **1st of April 2026**

The application file must be sent by email

with the following object "**NOVISHPAK Project Internship Application**" to:

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