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**Biodiversity Research Liaison Officer (Full time, Contractual) at the Département de l'Etude du milieu naturel et agricole (DEMNA/DGO3/SPW)**

**CONTEXT**

The [Belgian Biodiversity Platform](#) is a science-policy interface providing services to scientists engaged in biodiversity research and policy makers, in Belgium. We are presently seeking to hire a full time Biodiversity research liaison officer in charge of networking activities for this structure, with focus on biodiversity data acquisition and involvement of young scientists in science-policy activities at national and international level.

**TASKS**

She/he will:

- liaise with potential biodiversity data and metadata publishers, especially in the Walloon region, to facilitate publication of data through the Global Biodiversity Information Facility ([GBIF](#)) and support the Belgian node of GBIF;
- liaise between scientists and IT specialists during the development of client-oriented databases;
- assist in the development of long term strategies for data collection;
- support the Platform's communication officer in involving young scientists in a range of national and international science-policy activities. This includes national thematic forums (e.g. on invasive species, ecosystem services, biodiversity & health, conservation) and international biodiversity initiatives, like the recently established Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services ([IPBES](#)).
- support the organisation and facilitation of scientific meetings and events;
- advice the Platform team on networking opportunities;
- support the work of the Platform in selected national and international biodiversity initiatives, as appropriate.

**PROFILE**

We seek one French-speaking colleague (mother tongue) with the following profile and qualifications:

- Hold a university degree (MSc or equivalent) in any field related to biodiversity (agronomy, biology, environmental or social sciences); experience with biodiversity or environmental research or policy is an asset;
- Prove mastering of (biodiversity) informatics tools and new Information Technology
- Have excellent networking and communication skills. Good knowledge of English is mandatory, a working knowledge of Dutch is advantageous;
- Genuine interest in and enthusiasm for biodiversity research and policy, and biodiversity data in particular
- Flexibility, ability to adapt quickly to new issues, proactive attitude, self-motivation.
- Ability to multi-task, work in team and independently, and take initiative

**WE OFFER**

- A full time contractual position until end of March 2016, possibly extended on a yearly basis, based at Département de l'Etude du milieu naturel et agricole (DEMNA/DGO3/SPW) in Gembloux
- Salary and conditions according to the conditions applicable at DEMNA for a contractual agent of class A5 or A6.
- Free public transport between home and work

**APPLICATIONS**

Job interview will take place in the first half of September. Applications should be sent no later than 4 september to Aline van der Werf: [Aline.Vanderwerf@belspo.be](mailto:Aline.Vanderwerf@belspo.be) (subject: Biodiversity Research Liaison officer) with a CV, cover letter and any evidence demonstrating the skills and competences we are looking for. For further information on the actual job content, contact Hilde Eggermont from 10 August onwards: +32 (0)2 238 34 95 or [h.eggermont@biodiversity.be](mailto:h.eggermont@biodiversity.be).

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