

YOUR CALL FROM THE WILD

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Europe has lost most of its natural landscapes. Less than one percent of Europe's forests are classified as primary forests. Old-growth forests still make a larger but still dramatically small part of the forest cover in Europe. This position is part of a wider international initiative which aims to advance the protection of the world's remaining temperate and boreal primary forests through improving the information base, to identify emerging threats, develop policy options, and investigate on-ground implementation issues through case studies. The initiative is led by the Griffith University, Australia (lead partner) and formed by research and conservation institutions from e.g. Russia and the US. The Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS), the Wild Europe Initiative lead on the implementation of activities in Europe.

A part of this project is also the establishment and maintenance of a website with information about the distribution of primary and old-growth forests in Europe and their value for conserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change. Therefore, we are seeking a

European Wilderness Communications Assistant (m/f/d)

This project activity will be implemented in close collaboration with the Natural Forest Academy, Germany and therefore the position is based at their office in Lübeck. The position is initially for a fixed-term of one year with the possibility of extension contingent on the approval of third-party funding.

MAIN TASKS AND DUTIES

- establish and maintain a web-based platform to provide information about coverage of primeval and old-growth forests as well as natural habitats in Europe and their biological and other ecosystem values.
- research information such as technical and scientific data and case studies related to primary forest conservation issues and summarise them for the portal.
- write texts and articles in a professional manner tailored to the target group
- lead on the production of communication tools such as video clips and infographics
- maintain the website with news items and other relevant content such as summaries of scientific articles.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

We are looking for an early career, motivated and enthusiastic:

biologist, ecologist, conservationist, forester, earth scientist, natural science journalist, communication student or from a related field, with

- excellent Master's degree
- a thorough understanding of forest ecology, conservation issues and an interest in wilderness conservation
- first international communication experience, preferably in the field of international and European conservation/wilderness
- native-level English speaker with excellent verbal and written skills, Ukrainian or Russian language skills are advantageous.
- experience in writing and editing texts targeted at different audiences and media channels
- experience of working with website content management systems as well as with social media is an advantage
- preferable experience in creating and editing media material such as infographics, video clips, audio files

YOUR APPLICATION

Your application should contain a cover letter, your chronological CV (incl. a photo) as well as qualifying certificates. Your cover letter should answer the following questions:

- Why would you like to work for the advertised position?
- What are your key qualifications for this position?
- What are the two most important personal characteristics that will lead you to success in this position?

Please send your electronic application documents (as one single pdf) and an indication of your earliest possible starting date to jobs@fzs.org.

Please address to

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