

External Vacancy Announcement Reg.-Nr. 4-8798/23-D

Creating Knowledge. Since 1502: Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU) offers a wide range of academic subjects in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and medicine. The oldest and largest university in Saxony-Anhalt was created in 1817 when the University of Wittenberg (founded in 1502) merged with Friedrichs University Halle (founded in 1694). Today the university has 340 professors and 20,000 students. Research at the university focuses on nano and life sciences, the Enlightenment, society and culture.

At the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Regional Studies (ZIRS), within the framework of the project PLANET4B funded by the European Union, is looking for candidates to fill the following position at the earliest opportunity and limited to October 31, 2025:

Scientific employee – Horizon Europe PLANET4B Project Research and Coordination Associate on Environment and Society (f-m-d)

in fulltime.

Remuneration is applied up to pay group 13 TV-L, depending on the assignment of duties and fulfilment of personal requirements.

Tasks:

- Provide research and coordination support to the Horizon Europe PLANET4B project (grant agreement No 101082212) that aims to understand how diversity within societies, particularly as reflected in values, norms, and behaviour, relates to prioritisation of biodiversity, nature, and environment in decision making and how this can change through various interventions at intrapersonal, interpersonal, and institutional levels
- Lead or contribute to the work applying and advancing theories of justice, intersectionality, social learning, communication, and transformative change
- Coordinate the research activities and events to deliver project outcomes in close collaboration with the international PLANET4B Scientific Lead Team, the consortium, and the Advisory Board
- Draft reports about the progress and impact of the project efficiently and creatively designed for science-policy-practice and present project results at conferences and other relevant events
- Contribute to publications arising from the project, including in peer-reviewed academic journals

Requirements:

- A Master's degree in Behavioural and/or Institutional Economics, Resource Management, Political Sciences, Environmental Sociology, Development Studies, International Relations, International Studies or a related field. A PhD will be a strong asset but highly qualified applicants without a PhD will also be considered
- Strong interest in the topics at the intersection of environment and justice on the one hand, and societal change from individual to institutional levels, on the other hand
- Research and methodological skills in investigating the topics related to the project (e.g. experiences in developing, conducting and analysing interviews and/or surveys with various actors, as well as skills in literature reviews or comparative analyses) are a strong asset. Yet opportunities will be explored in the project to match particular strengths of the selected candidate
- Experience in project coordination, particularly in an international and/or transdisciplinary context, is a strong asset



- Motivation to work independently and in a team with a high degree of creativity and personal initiative
- Strong diplomacy and communication skills in English, particularly to maintain relations in the international consortium. Knowledge of German is not required but an asset

Applications from persons with severe disabilities will be given preferential treatment if they are equally suitable and qualified. Women are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants with a degree that was not obtained at a German university must submit a Statement of Comparability for Foreign Higher Education Qualifications from the Central Office for Foreign Education (<https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education.html>) as proof of equivalence.

For any questions, please contact Mr. Dr. Ilkhom Soliev, phone: +49 345-55-24177, e-mail: ilkhom.soliev@zirs.uni-halle.de.

Please send your application, quoting the reg. no. 4-8798/23-D, with the usual documents (letter of motivation, curriculum vitae – including the list of publications – certificates, and other relevant documents) in English to Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Regionalstudien, 06099 Halle (Saale) or via e-mail to Mr. Torsten Wähler at planet4b@zirs.uni-halle.de by September 29, 2023 – summarised in a single PDF file no larger than 5 MB.

The call is made under reserve of potential budgetary restrictions.

Application costs will not be reimbursed by Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. Application documents will only be returned if a sufficiently stamped envelope is enclosed. Electronic application is encouraged.