



**Belgian Biodiversity Platform**  
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## Vacant position: Science Officer for BiodivERsA

The Belgian Biodiversity Platform is presently seeking to hire a Science Officer to assist in the implementation of the EU FP7 “BiodivERsA” ERA-net project. BiodivERsA is a network of national funding organisations promoting pan-European research that offers innovative opportunities for the conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity. The BiodivERsA Science Officer will be in charge of implementing the tasks coordinated by the Belgian Biodiversity Platform/BELSPO:

- Supervising BiodivERsA communication activities;
- Managing the BiodivERsA database with support of the IT team of the Belgian Biodiversity Platform;
- Analysing European and International Biodiversity research agendas.

She/he will work under the supervision of the Belgian Biodiversity Platform’s BiodivERsA project manager. She/he will liaise with BiodivERsA consortium partners as appropriate to complete above tasks.

**We** seek a colleague with the following profile and qualifications:

- Having excellent networking and communication skills is absolutely required; an excellent knowledge of English is mandatory, a working knowledge of more than one Belgian official language is advantageous;
- Being enthusiastic and having an outstanding ability to collaborate in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural professional environment are required;
- Hold a university degree (MSc, or PhD) in any field related to biodiversity (ecology, environmental or social sciences, economy, biology, agronomy); experience with European biodiversity or environmental research/policy is an advantage.
- Have some experience in science communication and/or with data management will be a strong advantage.

The successful candidates will be confided the following tasks:

- Network amongst BiodivERsA partners, and with European biodiversity research and policy communities as required by the project;
- Collect data and metadata on research project and funding programmes;
- Liaise between BiodivERsA partners and IT specialists for management and further development of the BiodivERsA database;
- Contribute to the development of tools and initiatives to promote communication within the BiodivERsA consortium and to promote BiodivERsA activities and funded projects in European research and policy communities;
- Contribute to strategic analysis of biodiversity research priorities in Europe ;
- Plan and organise conferences as appropriate

The position is a short-term contractual position (CDD) of 2,5 years based in Brussels. It will require frequent missions in Europe.

For more information on this vacancy, please contact Estelle Balian: [estelle.balian@naturalsciences.be](mailto:estelle.balian@naturalsciences.be)

**We** offer a salary and conditions according to the conditions applicable in the relevant host institutes of the Platform. If you wish to apply for this position, send a cover letter and a CV to Aline van der Werf: [vdwe@belspo.be](mailto:vdwe@belspo.be) no later than **February 3rd 2012**.