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Job Opportunities at the Freie Universität Berlin, Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU)

The Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU) at the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) is currently seeking:

A Research Fellow in the field of Web Design and CMS-Development 24 month fixed term appointment Halftime position (50%)

The job opportunity is within the European Network of Excellences LIAISE (Linking Impact Assessment Instruments to Sustainability Expertise), which provides scientific support in the field of Policy Impact Assessment for Sustainable Development. The NoE brings together an international and multidisciplinary consortium of large European research institutes. Its centrepiece will be a shared toolbox - simultaneously accessible and useful for policy makers as well as for the research community. The NoE will create a virtual centre of excellence: an internationally visible, integrated and interdisciplinary scientific community providing excellent and applicable research in support of IA.

Job description:

The task requires the development of a CMS in English language for the purpose of establishing a website that offers online support for Policy Impact Assessments in Europe and on national level. The role encompasses the development and support of *new and existing* Drupal systems and applications. Specifically:

- 1) Development, support and design of new and existing systems
- 2) Quality control and systems testing
- 3) Mentoring technical support within the development team
- 4) Keeping up to date with technologies (E.g. PHP, MySQL, Drupal, CMS, HTML, JavaScript, CSS, Linux and Apache)
- 5) Development and implementation of an online support system

The successful applicant will be responsible for the agile development of modular, open-source and communal software components as part of an international and interdisciplinary research team cooperating as a European Network of Excellence. The work will include design and implementation of web applications, web services, data schemas and databases, and other applications and services. Development will be compliant with emerging EU data standards as developed by the European Commission, the EEA and Eurostat (e.g. CORINE, LUCAS) and semantic web standards. He/she will work with members of the developer and user community (research scientists, software developers and policy organisations) to design, construct, and test Drupal modules that support the sharing and management of Impact Assessment tool site as part of the LIAISE project (www.liaise-noe.eu). The required webpage on Impact Assessment tools is supposed to be linked up with the relevant European data networks and needs to be user-friendly. The successful applicant will represent the project and its partners as a technical and programmatic expert at national and international meetings, workshops, conferences, and presentations as a member of the LIAISE project team.

The tasks include:

- Iterative design, development and support Drupal modules

- Software quality assurance
- Multisite Drupal site configuration
- Basic server administration
- Mentoring and support of other developers

Qualifications

Required:

- University Degree
- Excellent command of English (both oral and written)

Desirable:

- Previous demonstrable experience of programming Drupal modules. Applicants should provide evidence of their prior work
- Extensive knowledge and use of PHP, MySQL, Drupal, SQL, XML, HTML, CSS, Javascript and JQuery
- Practical experience of Linux server administration
- Experience in working in multi-disciplinary research teams
- Ability to operate within complex decision making processes and tight deadlines
- A familiarity with environmental policy issues would be useful but not essential
- good communications and design skills
- Expert level hands on experience of configuring Views, CCK and other contributed modules
- Experience (or aptitude) for mentoring other developers
- Pixel perfect Drupal 6 theming and CSS is highly desirable

The FFU

The Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU) at the FUB is a leading research institute in the fields of comparative and international environmental and sustainable energy politics and policy. The FFU conducts both academic and policy-oriented research. The FFU has been active in the fields of comparative environmental policy analysis for over two decades. A major interest is in instruments and strategies to integrate concerns of the environment and sustainable development in the various sectors of policy making. In this context, IA has been a priority in the research agenda of FFU. In addition, comparative and evaluative research on strategies for sustainable development and on science-policy interfaces is undertaken. The FFU-team is composed of approximately 30 researchers, staff, and student assistants, who work in an international and multi-lingual environment.

Please visit our web-site at <http://www.fu-berlin.de/ffu> for more information about the FFU.

If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of application, CV and work sample (English and German) before October 31st to:

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