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Job announcement (#3/4)

Postdoctoral Researcher in Sustainable Development Law in Relation to Maritime Spaces

I – CONTEXT: The OCEAN METISS Project

Applicants are invited for a Postdoctoral Researcher who will join researchers at the University of Reunion Island (France) in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) (<http://www.univ-reunion.fr/university-of-reunion-island/>) as part of the OCEAN METISS scientific project funded by the European Commission – European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. This project is one of four European projects on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) to be selected for funding by EASME (<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/south-western-indian-ocean-maritime-spatial-planning>) and the only one to be selected from the European overseas territories.

The successful applicant will be based at the University's Legal Research Center (*Centre de Recherche Juridique – E.A. 14* : <http://crj.univ-reunion.fr/>), and will actively participate in project-related activities, which involve cooperation between the Regional Council of Reunion Island, French State institutions - based in Reunion Island under the aegis of the Secretary General for Regional Affairs (SGAR) - and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

Overall, the OCEAN METISS project aims to support the integrated economic development of the South West Indian Ocean Basin and the EU. To this end, the project will develop 1) MSP as a method to operationalize a blue economy strategy; 2) the sharing of international experience and active networking in favour of a blue economy; 3) the mutualizing of local, national and international human, scientific and technical resources; 4) capacity building to ensure higher performance results in the analysis, development and implementation of the blue economy; 5) the emergence of projects that may be entitled to further funding beyond the duration of the OCEAN METISS project.

The OCEAN METISS project implements MSP as a framework for consistent, transparent, sustainable and evidence-based decision-making, as stated in the 2014 EU directive on MSP for instance. To meet this objective, the various partners will apply a multi-scale approach to marine spatial planning involving both a large scale (WIO) and small scale (Reunion Island coastlines) approach. Participants will be associated to the project in working groups linked to each work package (WP). The first three thematic work packages are sectorial and aim to set baselines for the project: WP1 Ecosystem and Energy; WP2 Sustainable Development of Economic Activities; WP3 Research and Innovation. The following three work packages are cross-sectorial and aim to develop the blue economy strategy: WP4 Governance; WP5 Risks and Conflicts of Practices; WP6 Cooperation and Networking.

II – REQUIREMENTS

1 – Missions

Main activities include the inventory of applicable international agreements (or, as may be the case, not applicable but applied) in the South West Indian Ocean and in the matters related to the OCEAN METISS project in La Réunion, so as to have an overall view of the relevant international law. This inventory must be critical, that is to say it must identify the potential legal gaps and/or inconsistencies, highlight the actions that may be carried out in some sustainable development projects regarding the sea in the South West Indian Ocean area and take into account the geopolitical constraints that affect the area.



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2 – Job Profile

- Specialising in Sustainable Development Law in relation to maritime spaces (especially : Law of the Sea, Environmental Law)
- Expertise in maritime issues in the Indian Ocean
- Experience in Comparative Law would be highly appreciated.

3 – Conditions

- The position is for 20 months starting in June 2018 in Réunion Island. Salary after tax is about 2130 euros per month.
- The successful applicant must reside in Reunion Island for the duration of his/her contract and mainly contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Working Group responsible for legal and societal project-related matters.
- His/Her work must be conducted in close cooperation with the other members of the Working Group and with the other post-doctoral researchers recruited for the OCEAN METISS project.
- Mastery of the two working languages for this project: English and French

III – APPLICATION

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, research statement, Curriculum Vitae, and the names and contacts of three referees to Dr. Olivier Dupéré, Pr Matthieu Le Corre and Dr. Erwann Lagabrielle at the following e-mail addresses: olivier.dupere@univ-reunion.fr, matthieu.lecorre@univ-reunion.fr and erwann.lagabrielle@univ-reunion.fr, by April 30th, 2018. The email should be entitled « POSTDOC GOVERNANCE OCEAN METISS ».