

# Special consultant/academic staff for international project management and science-based policy advice for DCA – Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture

DCA, TECH, Aarhus University coordinates AUs science-based advice to policy makers within green transition of food and agriculture. We facilitate sector and industry cooperation, international cooperation and do project management and communication/ dissemination.

DCA is involved in several EU-projects related to the Horizon Europe Mission Soil and in support of Living Labs, in HE partnership on Agroecology, in CSA project and coming partnership on Sustainable Food Systems. We are looking for 2 qualified academics to assist with these projects from our office at AU Viborg campus (Foulum). Specific title and content of position depends on experience and qualifications vis-à-vis responsibilities mentioned.

## Expected start date and duration of employment

Anticipated start date is 1 April 2024 or as soon as possible and these are permanent positions

## Responsibilities:

You will be part of DCAs work related to science-based advice in an international context with a combination of the following tasks:

- Working with projects related to Horizon Europe.
- Contribution to project management, including monitoring and quality assurance of milestones and deliverables, etc. to the EU.
- Engagement in trans-European collaboration on science-based policy advice in food and agriculture in relation to green transition, development of principles and methods.
- Arrange and follow-up on project management meetings.
- Regular contact and support to project partners regarding task work progress.
- Management of proposals for future projects related to Horizon Europe or other funding sources.
- Proposal, project- and partner coordination at an international level.
- Planning and implementation of specific project objectives and tasks with various partners.
- Project communication and strategic positioning.
- Achievement of project goals: Quality, deadlines, costs and budget.
- Presentation of work results to different target groups and project-relevant documentation (project plans, reports, PPTs, etc.).
- Event management related tasks (e.g. organization of webinars/events/tutorials, participation).
- Other tasks related to DCA including, where relevant, contribution to national science advice coordination.

## Your profile – skills and experience:

- Proven project management experience, with a clear understanding of the project life cycle and strategic development of EU project plans, objectives, and documentation.
- Advanced written and verbal communication skills, with a sense of the importance of detail for deliverables produced.

**Application Deadline:**  
27 February 2024

**Faculty:**  
Faculty of Technical Sciences

**Institute/Faculty:**  
DCA - Danish Centre For Food And Agriculture

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**Vacant positions:**  
2

**Hours per week:**  
37

**Expected date of accession:**  
01/04/2024

- Demonstrated success in relation to working effectively and collaboratively on initiatives with a range of people at different levels within an organization.
- The ability to respond to changing priorities, manage multiple tasks and meet competing deadlines by using judgement and initiative.
- The ability to work collaboratively and productively within a team, but also to take initiative and work independently while managing competing demands.
- Ability to propose solutions to problems and critical issues that might arise during the project.
- Experience with science-based policy advice is an advantage.
- Experience within the area of Agroecology or food systems is an advantage.
- Knowledge of Danish language and/or willingness to learn is an advantage.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.

### **About DCA – Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture**

At DCA, TECH, Aarhus University, we support activities at the science departments, which carry out research activities within food and agricultural sciences in support of the green transition. In DCA we are in charge of coordinating our science-based advice to policy makers and the private sector. Moreover, we facilitate sector and industry cooperation, international cooperation and project management and communication/dissemination.

DCA has a total of 20 employees, and you will be part of a team working with EU and international projects in close collaboration with the team coordinating national science advice. We are based in AU Viborg campus, research centre Foulum.

### **We offer**

We offer a position in an informal environment with exciting tasks and a good team spirit as to cooperation and sharing knowledge and close contact with world leading science groups in green transition of food and agriculture.

You will be part of an international research environment.  
You have the possibility to work from home once a week.

### **Place of work**

The workplace is DCA – National Centre for Food and Agriculture, Blichers Allé 20, 8830 Tjele, Foulum, which is part of Aarhus University.

### **Contact information**

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### **Deadline**

Applications must be received no later than 27 February 2024.

### **Formalities and salary range**

Salary and terms as agreed between the Danish Ministry of Taxation and the Confederation of Professional Unions.

Aarhus University's ambition is to be an attractive and inspiring workplace for all and to foster a culture in which each individual has opportunities to thrive, achieve and develop. We view equality and diversity as assets, and we welcome all applicants.

*The application must be submitted via Aarhus University's recruitment system, which can be accessed under the job advertisement on Aarhus University's website.*

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