Innovation associate in short food supply chains as part of the PITCHER project

Description of company

As a specialty consultancy focused on technological innovation in the field of agrifood, InoSens helps companies from the ICT sector to recognise, evaluate and seize upon business opportunities in agrifood, through bilateral contracts as well as through accelerator programs. The company heavily relies on various co-development methodologies, adapted in-house to the specific characteristics of the agrifood sector. InoSens builds on key accounts from the agrifood sector and maintains strong and lasting alliances with complementary players (e.g. hardware vendors, agronomists, food scientists, etc.). The company is based in Serbia, but works internationally.

Dedicated to accelerating uptake of advanced ICTs in agrifood, InoSens (www.inosens.rs) is now looking for an Innovation Associate with specialized knowledge in supply chain analytics interested in the opportunity to use his/her scientific background in a unique environment where research is merged with business to deliver high-end solutions well in advance of their market impact. At InoSens you belong to a team of experts who are driving agrifood value chains forward. This is a unique opportunity to join a fast moving, rapidly growing startup and help build a tech-enabled service-based business model for SFSc (short food supply chains).

Job description

The successful candidate will be employed as part of the PITCHER (boosting **P**erformance with an **I**nnovation associate with **TeCH**nical and business **E**xpe**R**tise) project. PITCHER was developed by InoSens in order to assist post-doctoral individuals in integrating into industry positions vital to the European economy. The project is supported through the European Union`s Horizon 2020 research and innovation program.

The Innovation Associate's primary responsibilities will be:

- Identifying opportunities for the implementation of innovative concepts in agrifood supply chain networks and developing a pathway to disruption in close collaboration with the InoSens team;
- Participating in business model design and business strategy definition and their following development;
- Actively contributing to a culture of innovation while considering and managing risks;
- Managing and delivering a pipeline of innovation projects to test stakeholder and customer appetite for innovative propositions and solutions in agrifood value chain.

Required skills/Experience

- Applications will be welcome from candidates who hold a PhD in supply chain management and logistics, agrifood research and innovation, or a related area and have strong understanding of opportunities and challenges in agrifood economy;
- Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate their ability to undertake research at an internationally competitive level and have clear potential to work in an inter-disciplinary and collaborative manner;
- The successful candidate will play a significant role in a growing startup, be highly motivated and show strong teamwork and organizational skills;
- We offer a rich, lively and supportive environment in which successful candidates will be expected to work on multiple projects but will have development opportunities to realize their potential.

How to apply

Our commitment to learning and development, as well as equality and diversity, create a welcoming environment for all prospective employees. We are looking forward to receiving your application documents, including letter of motivation, CV, education certificates, recommendation letters by e-mail to Bogdan Vukeljic (vukeljic@inosens.rs). You may also refer any further questions to this email.

General terms and regulations

The fellowship will cover 12 months of a postdoctoral contract (01/09/2017 - 31/08/2018), relocation and training costs. At the time of recruitment, the applicant must have not resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last three years in Serbia. The candidate must be a citizen of an EU Member State or an EU Associated Country[1]. The salary will be very competitive and will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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[1] For a list of associated countries see:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf