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Interreg Italia-Malta SenHAR



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A Call is being published for the provision of full-time expert services in the field of marine ecology taxonomic analyses and sampling, for a maximum duration of THREE (3) months, within the ambit of the Interreg Italia-Malta 2014-2020 SenHAR project.

1. Applications are invited for an external expert to work on SenHAR (*Campagne di sensibilizzazione per un'armonizzazione Italo-Maltese per un buono stato dell'ambiente*), a project financed by the InterregV-A Programme in which the Department of Geosciences at the University of Malta is a partner with Università degli Studi di Palermo (www.senhar-italiamalta.eu).
2. The main tasks of the engaged expert include the following:
 - Sorting into the major faunal taxonomic groups (e.g. Crustacea, Mollusca, Echinodermata, etc) of the marine benthic species collected during the previous TWO (2) SENHAR sampling campaigns/surveys conducted at Hofra z-Zghira in May and October 2022. This will involve the analyses, within sorting trays, of the marine benthic sediments collected during the same surveys and currently stored within denatured ethanol within the laboratories of the University of Malta;
 - Liaison with the external expert engaged within the SENHAR project by the University of Malta and tasked within the taxonomic analyses and identification of the sorted benthic fauna;
 - Active participation within the third SENHAR SCUBA diving sampling campaign at Hofra z-Zghira, tentatively to be conducted in spring 2023;
 - Delivery of (i) a report on the work conducted to the SENHAR Principal Investigator Prof. Alan Deidun by the 30th April 2023 by the very latest.
3. The University of Malta will make available to the selected awardee all the raw benthic samples collated through the previous SENHAR benthic surveys.
4. The ideal candidate needs to have at least a Bachelors degree in Biology and needs to be a fully-qualified Advanced water SCUBA diver.



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5. Additionally, previous experience in the sorting of marine benthic sediments, will be positively assessed.
6. The awardee needs to be in possession of his own transport and the fuel will not be reimbursed.
7. The engagement will last for a maximum of THREE (3) months from receipt of appointment letter, over the period February-April 2023, with the selected candidate expected to invest a minimum of 40 logged hours per week over the same period (3 months) and for being responsible to transfer the results of his/her own work to Prof. Alan Deidun by 30th April 2023 by the latest. The candidate needs to log the hours spent within the University of Malta's laboratories on a monthly basis within time-sheet templates provided by the University of Malta. Payment will be transferred by the University of Malta payable against the issuance of monthly VAT invoices following the provision of monthly timesheets and final report by the selected candidate.
8. Total remuneration for the engagement is that of 6,000 euros, exclusive of 18% VAT and the same engagement can be extended beyond the 30th April 2023 if further SENHAR project funds are available.

Application deadline: Friday 13th January 2023