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Interreg Italia-Malta SenHAR



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A Call is being published for the provision of part-time expert services in the field of marine ecology stable isotopes analyses and data interpretation, 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:
 - Data analysis and interpretation of the results emerging from a Stable Isotope Analyses (SIA) of marine biotic assemblages associated with *P. oceanica* meadows sampled at three different coastal locations in Maltese waters in the summers of 2019 and 2020;
 - Liaison with foreign SIA experts on the interpretation of the same results;
 - Participation within the final SENHAR project meeting being held in Sicily towards the end of the project, with the corresponding travelling expenses being borne by the University of Malta;
 - Delivery of (i) a report on the work conducted as well as of (ii) a draft text for a peer-reviewed journal publication based on the outcomes of the same study to the SENHAR Principal Investigator Prof. Alan Deidun by the 30th April 2023 by the very latest. The engaged expert will be included as a co-author on the same aforementioned journal publication.
3. The University of Malta will make available to the selected awardee all the raw and processed data collated through the previous SENHAR benthic surveys.



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4. The ideal candidate needs to have at least a Masters degree in Biology and needs to have prior experience in the utilization and interpretation of SIA data.
5. Additionally, a previous participation in EU-funded research projects, especially Interreg Italia-Malta 2014-2020 ones, 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 15 logged hours per week over the same period (3 months) and for being responsible to transfer the results of his/her 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 3,500 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