

SENIOR RESEARCHER IN SOCIAL SCIENCES/ SOCIAL INNOVATION

Leitat is a technology centre at both state and European level. With more than 100 years of history, it has a team of 400 professionals, experts in applied research, technical services and management of technological and innovation initiatives. Leitat provides social, industrial, economic and sustainable value, offering comprehensive solutions in multiple sectors and areas: health & biomedicine, development of new materials, eco-sustainable production, occupational health prevention systems, revaluation of waste and use of natural resources, interconnectivity and digitization of industry, green energy and maximization of energy efficiency. Leitat develops R&D+i projects for companies and institutions, as well as leads competitively funded research projects both within the framework of the European Union and the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

Job Description:

We are looking for motivated candidates to incorporate into the “Social Innovation team” in the frame of social science and innovation developed at different ongoing European projects with socio-technical components. Those projects are focused on different themes ranging from the overall food system, to agriculture, aquaculture, soil and water, and with a high variety of disciplines where inter/transdisciplinarity is a must.

Key targets of these projects are to include the social dimension into the technological projects from different perspectives depending on the project needs and interests, emphasizing tailor-made ones. The projects are mainly focused on just and sustainable transitions within circular economy, systemic, multiactor and cross sectoral approaches.

The selected candidate will lead a WP or a task in some of the European projects we are involved and will collaborate within Leitat with social researchers, engineers and technical staff of the “Sustainability” area and other areas and departments.

Main tasks:

Contribute to knowledge networks development, steering co-creative practices and stakeholder engagement, develop policy recommendations and governance assessments, include reflexive learning and perform discursive analysis framed by just and sustainable transitions.

Education:

Master in Sustainability or related to Social Sciences and Humanities
PhD degree (optional)

Experience:

Experience in sustainable transitions, transdisciplinary research, co-creation practices or governance. Experience in leading groups, ideally in European projects. Experience in the redaction of technical reports and scientific articles.

Competencies and abilities:

Work inter/transdisciplinarity
Open-minded and enthusiastic attitude
Creativity
Reflexivity
Problem solving attitude

Languages:

Fluent English
Good Spanish (optional)

Location:

Terrassa

*Please attach your cover letter in English.