

Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC) is a research centre affiliated with the Generalitat de Catalunya (the Catalan government), and it reports to the Ministry responsible for forest issues.

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Senior Postdoctoral Researcher in Forest Ecosystem Services and European Research Projects

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The Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC) is inviting applications for a Postdoctoral Researcher to join the research group on Socioeconomics and Governance of Rural Systems. The selected candidate will contribute to research projects focused on the monetary valuation of forest ecosystem services, supporting the development of robust methodologies and evidence to inform sustainable forest management and policy-making.

The Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC), located in Solsona (Pre-Pyrenees, 120 km from Barcelona), Spain, employs app. 190 staff, produces >120 scientific articles annually and has a turnover of app. 12 Mil. €/year. CTFC's research activity is organised around four programs: Multifunctional Forest Management, Landscape Dynamics and Planning, Biodiversity management and conservation, and Bioeconomy, health, and governance. Further institutional information is available at: www.ctfc.cat/en.

TERMS OF THE APPOINTMENT

1. This contract may start as soon as possible, preferably in April 2026.
2. It is a fixed-term position.
3. Annual gross salary will be commensurate with the specific profile of the selected candidate (qualifications and experience).
4. The candidate can work remotely.
5. Part-time contract: 25 hours per week

KEY RESPONSABILITIES

The successful candidate is expected to:

1. Support the CTFC Directorate in the strategic identification, preparation and acquisition of competitive European projects aligned with the centre's institutional priorities.
2. Lead and contribute to the conceptualisation and development of strategic European research and innovation proposals, particularly within Horizon Europe and related programmes.
3. Develop project concepts and proposals focused on bioeconomy, agroforestry landscape restoration and financial mechanisms supporting ecological transitions.
4. Provide high-level economic and socio-economic expertise in the design of European projects related to sustainable land use, forest landscapes and rural development.
5. Identify emerging European policy priorities and funding opportunities relevant to CTFC's strategic research areas.

6. Support the coordination and leadership of large-scale European collaborative projects, including consortium building and proposal development.
7. Prepare high-level technical, strategic and policy-relevant documents for European proposals and institutional initiatives.
8. Strengthen CTFC's international positioning and participation in European research networks and strategic initiatives.
9. Engage with European partners, institutions and stakeholders to develop high-impact collaborative projects.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. PhD in Economics PhD in Economics or a closely related field.
2. Outstanding academic background and strong doctoral training.
3. More than 15 years of professional experience in European research and innovation projects.
4. Proven track record in the preparation and successful acquisition of competitive European projects (e.g. Horizon Europe and related programmes).
5. Strong expertise in environmental economics, bioeconomy, or economic instruments for landscape and ecosystem restoration.
6. Demonstrated capacity to contribute to the strategic development of research initiatives and project portfolios.
7. Experience in international research collaboration and consortium building.
8. Excellent communication, scientific writing and proposal development skills.
9. Working proficiency in English and Spanish (spoken and written).

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS

1. PhD in environmental economics
2. Good track of project proposals approved.
3. Experience in inter-disciplinary projects (e.g. forest governance, forest sociology, forest ecology).
4. Track of participation in international conferences and other relevant dissemination events with stakeholders.
5. Readiness to quickly integrate in an established team.
6. Understanding of Catalan is an asset.
7. Experience in the forest research domain.

SOFT COMPETENCES

1. Team player.
2. Critical thinking and attention to detail.
3. Capacity to work under pressure.
4. Ability to work in a multidisciplinary environment.
5. Ability to plan and organize their work independently.
6. Result oriented.
7. Flexibility and adaptation.
8. Initiative and pro activity.
9. Availability to travel sporadically.

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The CTFC guarantees an open, transparent, and merit-based recruitment process (OTM-R) to all registered candidacies, thereby avoiding any bias related to gender, origin, age, ideology, or other circumstances that could be discriminatory. Integration policy: Candidates who have a recognized disability and accredited equal to or greater than 33%, will be prioritized, provided that the disability is compatible with the proper performance of the job.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The selection process will be carried out through a two-stage procedure. The first stage will primarily target candidates from the consortium entities, given the nature of the position. The second stage will include the remaining candidates who have correctly submitted their application within the established deadline.

1. **Admission of candidates:** applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, motivation letter and, and two completed and signed annex documents found in the offer, enter in www.ctfc.cat/registre.php, until **27st March 2026 at 14:00**, indicating the reference code of the offer.

Indicative Calendar	
15 working days	Publication and dissemination of the job offer: CTFC website, SOC Office and other dissemination channels.
Next 2 working days	Preselection: determination of compliance with the minimum requirements of the offer. Evaluation of the pre-selected candidacies, through a score based on objective criteria, and suitable pre-selected CVs are forwarded to the Selection Committee for review . Sending informative mail to CVs not suitable to continue in the process.
Next 2 working days	Selection committee celebration: Interview with the selected suitable candidates. Selection Committee Minutes with the selected candidate and the reasons for the selection.

	<p>Publication in the CTFC job board of the resolution identifying the elected person.</p> <p>Sending informational Mail to suitable CVs interviewed not selected.</p>
Next 1 working day	<p>Sending to Human Resources the official documentation necessary to process the employment contract, and coordination with the start date of the contract.</p>
April 2026	<p>Start of the contract.</p>
