

Early Stage Researcher (ESR) position on undeclared work and income

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Responsibilities

We offer an Early Stage Researcher position to a candidate with strong interest in national accounting and the informal economy for participation in a 4-years Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Innovative Training Network (ITN) project 'MARKETS: Mapping Uncertainties, Challenges and Future Opportunities of Emerging Markets: Informal Barriers, Business Environments and Future Trends in Eastern Europe, The Caucasus and Central Asia'. Coordinated by Dublin City University, MARKETS is a business- and policy-oriented PhD training equipping 15 fellows with theoretical knowledge, analytical skills and complementary training to understand and deal with practical and business problems in the region.

The Early Stage Researcher position at the KU Leuven allows:

- to define a theoretical framework for constructing a satellite account that measures the size and structure of the informal economic activities that imply tax and social contributions evasion and avoidance, and the impact on public finances;
- how it can be implemented in a specific to be chosen country;
- and how it can contribute to more transparency in East-west comparisons.

Duty station: Leuven, Belgium (HIVA premises).

Supervisors: Em.prof. dr. Jozef Pacolet (HIVA, KU Leuven) and prof. dr. Eric Buyst (Faculty of Economics, KU Leuven).

Profile

- You hold a Master's degree (or equivalent) in economics or applied economics, with excellent study results.
- You have relevant knowledge with/interested in the theme of national accounting and/or the size and fight against fiscal and social fraud.
- You have the social skills required to work in a team and establish relations with statistical offices and administrations involved in the fight against social and fiscal fraud.
- You have some basic knowledge of Dutch or you are at least willing to learn Dutch for day-to-day communication with colleagues.
- Your oral as well as written English is fluent (research outputs need to be submitted in English).
- You have an analytical mind, you are fascinated by numbers, and you have excellent communication skills.
- You are sufficiently enterprising to take a creative approach, to develop and finalise a research project in a timely manner.
- You have not more than 4 years full time research experience (or hold a doctorate already, even if you worked less than 4 years to complete it) at the time of recruitment.
- You have not been resident (or have had your main activity i.e. work or study) in Belgium for more than 12 of the 36 months prior to recruitment.

Offer

- An early stage researcher (ESR) position for three years. An early stage researcher fellow is employed as researcher with a fixed monthly salary (+ mobility and family allowance).
- The opportunity to contribute to innovative research with significant social relevance and extensive learning opportunities.
- A pleasant working and team atmosphere in a multi-disciplinary, dynamic university team.
- Good supervision and the opportunity to specialise and follow training.
- HIVA attaches a great deal of importance to an organisational climate in which employees can actively contribute to the institution's objectives and in which they can develop their own talents. You will work in an environment where initiative is appreciated and personal commitment is encouraged.

Interested?

For more information please contact em. prof. dr. Jozef Pacolet, tel.: +32 475 233223, mail: jozef.pacolet@kuleuven.be.

You can apply for this job no later than October 15, 2020 via the online application tool :

<http://www.kuleuven.be/eapplyingforjobs/light/55849387>

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