

## Call for applications for a doctoral grant



### Payments for environmental services: economic and environmental efficiency

#### Scientific presentation

The economic literature provides guidance to public authorities on using the various instruments of environmental policies to reduce pollution. The equivalence of economic instruments and their superiority compared to standards are well documented. The objective of the BIOECO project is to expand this comparison to the case of biodiversity conservation. This doctoral thesis will focus on the contours of payments for environmental services according to the characteristics of biodiversity and the agents concerned, which may be public or private. This will identify cases where payments for environmental services achieve both economic and environmental efficiency. The mechanisms for selecting beneficiaries and setting the amounts of payments will have to be studied, taking into account information asymmetries between both parties.

#### Institutional context

The thesis, which will begin in autumn 2018, will be under the supervision of Pascale Combes Motel (Professor of Economics, University of Clermont Auvergne) and Sonia Schwartz (Professor of Economics, University of Clermont Auvergne). The duration is 3 years. The thesis is funded by the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Regional Council. It takes place within the framework of the CPER AttriHum challenge and the BIOECO research project entitled "Choosing economic instruments to save biodiversity". The doctoral student will enrol the "Law-Economy-Management" Doctoral School ED245 of the University Clermont Auvergne. He will be assigned to CERDI (Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International, UMR CNRS 6587 - University of Clermont Auvergne, <http://cerdi.org/>).

#### Profile sought

The candidate must hold a Master's degree in economics or an equivalent title. He must have a solid background in economic theory, more specifically in public economics and environmental economics.

#### Application form

The application file will include a detailed CV, a cover letter, the Master's transcripts, the Master's thesis and possibly a letter of recommendation. Documents must reach Pascale Combes Motel and Sonia Schwartz electronically before Sunday June 8, 2018. ([pascale.motel.combes@uca.fr](mailto:pascale.motel.combes@uca.fr) and [sonia.schwartz@uca.fr](mailto:sonia.schwartz@uca.fr))