



Call for applications for a doctoral grant



Payments for environmental services

Scientific presentation

Safeguarding biodiversity is an important topical issue. Recent public decisions in France introduce the notion of “no net loss” following soil artificialisation. Payments for environmental services have been introduced in the set of market-based instruments to tackle biodiversity loss. A recent report on the implementation and application of Act No. 2016-1087 of 8 August 2016 on the “recovery of biodiversity, nature and landscapes”, released by the French Parliament, stated that it is necessary to pay particular attention to developing payments for environmental services.¹ The objective of the thesis will be to analyse these payments, mainly in a theoretical way. The candidate must at least have a solid background in economic theory, more specifically in public economics and environmental economics. Basic skills in quantitative methods are a valuable asset.

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 hosted at CERDI (Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International, UMR CNRS 6587 - University of Clermont Auvergne, <http://cerdi.uca.fr/>).

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, September 2, 2018. (pascale.motel.combes@uca.fr and sonia.schwartz@uca.fr)



¹ <http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/15/rap-info/i1096.asp>