



Vacancy PRIMA Deputy Director

The Partnership on Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) has been established on the basis of Article 185 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union by 19 Euro-Mediterranean States and the European Commission. PRIMA aims to support common innovative solutions and promote their adoption for improving the efficiency and sustainability of agro-food systems and integrated water management and provision in the Mediterranean area.

The PRIMA Programme will be implemented through an ad-hoc structure, a Foundation under Spanish Law, which will be responsible for the management of the EU funds devoted to PRIMA.

The current vacancy is for the *Deputy Director position*.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Full delegated authority to act on behalf of the PRIMA Director in his absence.
- Manages the peer review process through liaison with applicants, external experts and committee members.
- Works in collaboration with the PRIMA Finance Department and Legal Officer to ensure efficient contract negotiation and timely signature of grant agreements.
- Monitors project progress and outcomes.
- Any other responsibility, tasks and functions as delegated by the Director.
- Assists the Chair, the Co-Chair and the Director in:
 - Leading PRIMA in its work with all its stakeholders.
 - Building strong and effective partnerships with public and private sector entities.
 - Encouraging greater involvement of the Participating States in funding activities within the scope of PRIMA.

Profile specification

Essential skills and qualifications:

- University Degree, preferably in fields related to PRIMA topics.
- Professional experience in the Euro-Mediterranean countries.
- Management experience, in particular of R&I projects and programmes.
- Unimpeachable personal and professional integrity.
- Strong interpersonal skills and good team player.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Organizational skills, in particular the ability to work well under pressure, prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.
- Strong sense of responsibility, initiative and self-motivation.
- Nationality of a southern Mediterranean country participating in PRIMA.

Desirable skills and qualifications:

- Knowledge of the scientific advances and developments in the PRIMA remit.
- Professional experience in managing and coordinating large programs, projects and/or joint initiatives of the EU or other major organizations.
- Experience in building and managing partnerships and collaborations, preferably in the R&I sector and particularly with international research funding agencies.
- Networking capabilities and proven track record of networks with Euro-Mediterranean stakeholders.



- Excellent skills in communication, public relations and relationship management along with a strong sense of diplomacy.
- Experience in writing scientific and/or policy documents and reports.
- Proficiency in official languages of the PRIMA Participating States.
- Experience in supervision of personnel.
- Good IT skills.

Conditions

The Deputy Director serves a five-year term, subject to a mid-term evaluation by the Board of Trustees. The Deputy Director will receive a fixed salary of euro 80.000 plus a variable salary of up to euro 15.000 depending on the achievement of certain objectives. The employee will be based at the PRIMA Foundation in Barcelona, Spain. The selected candidate will have to get a valid working permit in Spain. The position requires full-time commitment. The selected candidate shall take the post as soon as possible and no later than two months from the notification of his/her appointment. The Secretariat of the PRIMA Foundation is characterized by a multicultural work environment, with English as the main working language.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed of members with appropriate experience and competence in relation to the selection procedure, in accordance with the principle of equal opportunities and geographical balance.

Applications

Applicants shall send the CV and the motivation letter by email to prima@unisi.it by 12.00 a.m. (Brussels time) of 9 February 2018. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of the candidate's identity document. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews. The interviews of the short-listed candidates will take place in Tunis, on February 26 (afternoon) or 27 (morning). Proof of receipt will be considered the date of the University terminal that receives the application. The PRIMA Consortium declines any responsibility for no receipt of applications due to third party liability. To check whether an application has been received and is deemed complete, candidates can contact prima@unisi.it. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.