



Post-Doctoral Research Position at Irstea

The potential of cooperative agreements for water quality management in rural areas.

18-month contract, starting in January 2013

Application deadline: November, 1st, 2012

Research team

- Irstea (National Research Institute in Agricultural and Environmental sciences and Technology)
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- Research Unit Métafort, Clermont-Ferrand
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Research project description

The post-doctoral researcher is expected to work on a project evaluating the potential of co-operative agreements between farmers and other water users as an alternative or a complementary tool to other agri-environmental policy instruments (regulation, incentive schemes). More specifically, contractual agreements between water supply public or private providers and farmers will be the focus of the research work.

The objectives of the research will be: (i) to characterize the types of co-operative agreements for water quality management in water catchments/watersheds in the French and European contexts, (ii) to identify the factors (characteristics of the agro-ecological system; actors involved; governance systems, institutional contexts) hampering or fostering the emergence and viability of co-operative agreements for water quality management in French rural areas. The analysis will draw on institutional approaches in economics and rely on empirical data collection.

Candidate's profile

- ✓ PhD in economics
- ✓ Good knowledge of institutional approaches in economics
- ✓ Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis methods
- ✓ Very good knowledge of French and English

Application procedure

Candidates should send their application letter and curriculum vitae before November, 1st, 2012 to Dr. Laurence Amblard (Irstea Clermont-Ferrand).

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