

Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

Due to a vacancy at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for a:

Intern, Mediterranean and Pan-European Forecast and Early Warning System against Natural Hazards (MedEWSa)

Envisaged start date: As soon as possible for a period of three months (40 hrs per week)

Project title: Mediterranean and Pan-European Forecast and Early Warning System against Natural Hazards

Project Details: MedEWSa, a consortium project led by the WMO, aims to improve impact forecasting and early warning systems supporting the rapid deployment of first responders in vulnerable areas. It will deliver a comprehensive and innovative pan-European–Mediterranean–African solution comprising a range of complementary services.

Objectives of the Project:

- Establish the foundation of existing Decision Support (DS) systems at a regional level
- Utilize artificial intelligence for complex data analysis, enhance understanding of hazard interactions, and design intelligent interfaces for multi-hazard forecasts to foster effective decision-making in the disaster risk management ecosystem
- connect innovative forecasts and impact assessment services with financing for emergency preparedness
- conduct socioeconomic analyses for a human-centric approach to natural disasters and design mechanisms for knowledge translation to end users.
- finalize an experimentation protocol

Partners: Over 25 consortium members include the World Meteorological Organization, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, Barcelona Supercomputing Centre, Fraunhofer, and GeoSphere Austria.

Targeted area: Attica, Greece; National Parks in Ethiopia; Venice, Italy, Alexandria/Delta Nile, Egypt; Kosice, Slovakia; Tbilisi, Georgia; Catalonia, Spain; and Sweden

Timeline: April-June 2024 (3 months from the start date for 40 hours per week)

Learning Objective: The intern will gain experience with mapping the communication flow of early warning messages and bridging early warning communication from producers to end-users.

Responsibilities: The intern is expected to carry out the following responsibilities with regard to the MedEWSa project, including:

- Review literature and existing materials on early warning communication

- Support in stakeholder communication and coordination
- Support in conducting key information interviews and virtual workshops.
- Co-develop warning message templates
- Support in the creation of a Handbook on best practices and warning message templates
- Participate in the regular coordination calls with different team members and support the team based on the demand

Education:

The intern must be enrolled in a university program for the entire duration of the placement (three months full time (40 hours/week) from the start date) and have a background in Environment Science, Climate Risk Management, Disaster Risk Management, Geography, or similar.

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent literature review, research, analytical and writing skills
- Ability to coordinate with different stakeholders
- Ability to work well in an inter-cultural team
- Ability to work well independently with a primarily remote-based team

Location:

This position will be home-based.

We offer:

The intern will receive compensation of Euros 450 per month based on a 40-hour work week.

How to apply:

We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Olette Manhoudt, HR officer at the Climate Centre at application@climatecentre.org. Please use "Inter, MedEWSA" in the subject line.

Application deadline:

Friday, 15th March 2024 at 11:59 CET

Please note that due to the expected number of applications, we will only contact you if you have been successful in your application.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact us at hr@climatecentre.org.