



## Vacancy at the ECN for a Project Officer – Agriculture

Established in October 2002, the European Compost Network (ECN) is the leading European membership association advocating for sustainable recycling practices in composting, anaerobic digestion, and other biological treatment processes for organic resources. With 65 members, including industry organisations, private companies, NGOs, research institutes and consultancy firms throughout Europe, the ECN represents approx. 4,500 biological waste treatments plants with a combined treatment capacity exceeding 45 million tonnes of bio-waste annually.

**Are you passionate about carbon farming, nutrient recovery and committed to driving change towards a circular bio-economy and sustainable soil management practices? We are expanding our project work and are seeking a dedicated Project Officer for Agriculture. As our Project Officer, you will play a pivotal role in enhancing our expertise in matters related to bioresource management and nutrient recycling.**

If you're ready to make a difference and contribute to shaping projects that will impact the future of our planet, we'd like to hear from you!

### **Job Responsibilities:**

1. Manage impactful EU-projects shaping the future of agriculture in a circular bioeconomy.
2. Enhance the visibility of the bio-waste industry and the ECN across Europe, with a strong focus on highlighting its pivotal role in organic matter and nutrient recycling.
3. Contribute as Project Officer to dedicated projects on bioresource management from the recycling/recovery of bioresources to the use of recycled bio-based products (compost, digestate, biochar).
4. Collecting data and analysing research results from projects, field trials on the use of recycled bio-based derived materials.
5. Draft fact sheets, project reports and guidelines on the management of bioresources and the use of recycled biobased products.
6. Identify and foster relationships with key networking partners and EU decision-makers.
7. Support the ECN in technical advices on bioresource management.

### **EUROPEAN COMPOST NETWORK ECN e.V.**

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**REGISTERED PLACE OF ASSOCIATION** European Compost Network ECN e.V., Bochum **TRANSPARENCY REGISTER** 509941347594-30



We are seeking a Project Officer for Agriculture to collaborate closely with our team of technical experts, focusing on nutrients and organic matter recycling, as well as with the Executive Director and Scientific Officer of the ECN. The successful candidate will engage directly with ECN members, providing support in event coordination and occasional press article composition.

#### **Candidate profile:**

We seek candidates with the following qualifications:

1. **Study background:** Successful completion of a Bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences, agroecology, soil sciences, or a comparable degree programme.
2. **Experience:** Demonstrable relevant knowledge in the field of plant nutrition and soil management practices.
3. **Networks:** Active involvement in projects and networking skills.
4. **Knowledge:** Thorough understanding on soil organic matter management and fertilisation practices.
5. **Language Skills:** Excellent command of written and spoken English. Proficiency in one or more additional European languages, preferably French or German, is desirable.
6. **Expertise:** Familiarity and interest in issues related to the management and biological treatment of organic materials (bio-waste), application of compost and digestate-based products, agriculture and soil management, circular economy and resource management.
7. **Location:** Germany or Belgium, ideally around Bochum, München or Brussels.
8. **Work permit:** Candidates must possess a valid work permit for Germany or Belgium.

#### **What we offer:**

The position will give you the opportunity to work within a large network across Europe playing a key role in the circular bioeconomy, and fostering sustainable and environmental agricultural practices. You will be able to work on a variety of topics related to the environment and the bio-waste management sector. You will profit from building up contacts with researchers, policy makers as well as stakeholders across Europe. You will work in a Horizon Europe funded project with many partners across Europe. In conjunction with the position, there is the opportunity to undertake a Master's thesis.



We offer a part-time position (20-35h) with a salary commensurate with relevant experience. You will have flexibility for remote work and occasional travel within Europe.

**How to apply:**

Please send your application, including a CV (no europass format!) and a motivation letter, to [ecn-recruit@compostnetwork.info](mailto:ecn-recruit@compostnetwork.info) by **16 March 2025** with the subject 'Technical Officer: Your Name'.

Due to limited staff resources and numbers of CVs anticipated, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

**Deadline for Application: 16 March 2025**

**Interviews 1<sup>st</sup> round: 24-27 March 2025**

**Interviews 2<sup>nd</sup> round (optional): 2-3 April 2025**

**Starting date: As soon as possible (May 2025)**