



Open Position: Research Assistant (with employment in project A-LEVERS, 10h/week for 6 months) Call for Applications

Transdisciplinary methods for the development of climate change adaptation pathways

Project Description: A-LEVERS - Major levers in climate change adaptation in Austria

The impact of climate change is increasingly evident, prompting decision-makers across various governmental levels, from the EU to local authorities, to develop adaptation strategies. With a plethora of potential measures, the challenge lies in prioritizing those that are both effective and feasible. The A-LEVERS project aims to bridge the gap between scientific evidence and practical implementation, assisting decision-makers in navigating the complexities of climate change adaptation in Austria.

Through a synthesis of existing research and ongoing dialogue between experts and practitioners, the project identifies key climate risks in Austria and prioritizes adaptation measures accordingly. This involves evaluating the effectiveness and feasibility of various strategies and bundling them into cohesive plans. By developing adaptation pathways tailored to representative regions, the project aims to provide concrete guidance for adaptation efforts.

Key outcomes include visual representations of Austria's key climate risks, a selection of prioritized adaptation measures, and tailored adaptation pathways for specific regions. Additionally, the project will produce a practical handbook for applying these strategies in other Austrian regions and beyond, fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration among stakeholders.

Your Tasks

This position will contribute to the transdisciplinary methods applied in the project, in particular Futures Workshops and other methods needed to construct so-called adaptation pathways. It is encouraged that the work results in a master thesis.

Your Tasks

- Support with stakeholder mapping for case study workshops
- Contribution to writing of a guidebook
- Preparation, note-taking and follow-up of stakeholder meetings
- Note-taking and follow-up of the three case study workshops
- Administrative support in the organization of workshops

Qualifications

- Enrolled in master's program in Environmental Systems Science, Sustainable Development, Sociology, Economics or a comparable study programme
- Interest in the topics of climate change adaptation and transdisciplinary methods
- Experience in multi-criteria assessment methods advantageous
- Fluency in English and German (German is required for project work)
- Solution-oriented, creative, independent and reliable way of working



We offer

- Project employment of 10h/week for 6 months
- Collaborative research with colleagues in the A-LEVERS project
- Thesis in English or German
- Start: 1 November 2024

If you are interested, and have further questions, contact us at: birgit.friedl@uni-graz.at or raphaela.maier@uni-graz.at

Application: Submit your interest (motivation letter, CV) by 13th October 2024 to birgit.friedl@uni-graz.at or raphaela.maier@uni-graz.at