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WWF Slovakia is seeking to recruit a dynamic, reliable and committed

Project Manager for Freshwater Programme

(full-time, based in Bratislava)

The WWF Freshwater programme in Slovakia aims to maintain and develop riverine ecosystems and its ecosystem services by proper habitat and water management, to improve the ecological and hydromorphological status of the river with special attention on river deregulation measures, also to prevent the water regime from further harmful infrastructure developments, especially hydropower plants. The position supports the implementation of Water Framework Directive measures and raising awareness around the value of rivers.

The main responsibility of the Project Manager is to coordinate and implement the freshwater programme activities of WWF Slovakia in the country and contribute to the preparation and implementation of related projects. Furthermore he/she will contribute to the development and management of various projects, advocacy, communication and expertise for a water-resilient society and protecting freshwater ecosystems of the Danube catchment.

The position reports to WWF Slovakia director and is based in Bratislava.

Your duties will include:

- develop and represent the position of WWF Slovakia regarding the improvement of water management and water-related investments, including identification of key biodiversity areas, proposal for ecological safeguards and biomonitoring;
- identify potential restoration and/or pilot sites for the preservation of the riverine ecosystems and demonstration of ecosystem services;
- establish a network with local communities and stakeholders, identify, demonstrate and promote the socio-economic benefits of pilot rivers;
- support the proper implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Slovakia, advocate and influence river basin management plans in order to achieve a better status of water bodies;
- advocate and lobby against harmful infrastructure developments and water regulation measures;
- manage relevant national and international projects including technical implementation, partnership management, administration and reporting;
- represent WWF Slovakia and its conservation position at various meetings, conferences, public events and in media.
- contribute to policy work at national and EU level for improving the Water Legislation and harmonising WFD with other relevant directives (Flood Dir., Bird & Habitat Dir.);
- contribute to the development and implementation of freshwater communication;
- contribute with expertise to the management of individual legal cases against harmful projects along Slovakian rivers and water bodies;
- develop project proposals with international partners and search proactively for funding opportunities.

We expect from you:

- Corresponding university degree or post-graduate degree (nature/environmental sciences or related technical/engineering fields).
- Minimum expertise in the field of freshwater, water management, including nature based adaptation solutions. Policy expertise is an asset.
- At least 3 years of relevant work experience.
- General understanding of environmental challenges (and the related socio-economic aspects), system-like thinking.
- Expertise in development and implementation of field or communication projects along large rivers is an asset.
- Experience in national implementation of EU water policy, development and implementation of EU environmental projects is an asset.
- Experience in public campaigning is an asset.
- Good networking and interpersonal skills, ability to work in a multi-cultural environment with diverse stakeholders.
- Fluent Slovak and English.
- Proactive attitude; self-starter, quick learner and good team player.
- Ability to work with the national and international WWF team, as well as independently.
- Project management skills: timely implementation, ability to plan and coordinate diverse parallel activities with several participants, accurate administration.
- Passion and commitment to WWF's environmental mission.

We are offering:

- Opportunity to make a difference - for Slovakia and for WWF;
- Challenging and fulfilling activities in one of Europe's most exciting eco-regions as part of the largest conservation NGO network of the world;
- Friendly and highly professional working atmosphere in an international context and a great learning environment;
- Varying tasks and independent work style;
- A pleasant working atmosphere and great learning environment;
- A competitive salary according to NGO standards.

Minimum salary: 1300 brutto

If you are interested in joining the global WWF family, email your application documents including your motivation letter and CV (in English) to Tsveta Petrushinova at tspetrushinova@wwfdcp.bg.

Application deadline: 31.01.2019

Please understand that we can only reply to short-listed candidates. For more information on WWF Slovakia, kindly check the website: <http://slovakia.panda.org/>