

The mission of the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) is to deliver solutions for an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable agriculture – together with society. ZALF is a member of the Leibniz Association and is located in Müncheberg (approx. 35 minutes by regional train from Berlin-Lichtenberg). Within ZALF, research Area 3 "[Agricultural Landscape Systems](#)" analyzes changes in agricultural landscapes, their value for people and their effects on sustainable development. The research group "Impact Assessment" is a team of interdisciplinary and international researchers developing and applying methods for the ex-ante sustainability assessment of land use changes with a special focus on soil.

The EU funded 5-year project „**Soils for Europe**“ will establish Think Tanks for the 8 soil health objectives defined in the [Horizon Europe Soil Mission](#) with the aim of co-creating knowledge and identifying research needs to implement the mission. Therein, ZALF will conduct foresight studies and anticipatory analyses of future opportunities and threats for sustainable soil and land management in European regions.

Starting as soon as possible and limited until end of 2027, we offer a research position (up to 100% of weekly working hours) as:

## Scientist to: Analyse factors determining future soil health in European regions (m/f/d)

### Your tasks:

- analyse socio-economic, technological, and environmental driving forces affecting soil and land management at the regional level in Europe
- conduct integrated assessments of driving forces with regard to soil health across all land use types (agriculture, forestry, urban, natural land)
- identify opportunities and threats for sustainable soil management  
contribute to a roadmap for research and innovation at the European level

### Furthermore, you:

- collaborate with an international and interdisciplinary team of scientists  
lead a work-package in an international research project
- publish your results in scientific journals

### Your qualifications:

- PhD with a strong interdisciplinary focus in agronomy, economics, environmental sciences, or related discipline
- proven work experience with foresight methods
- sound understanding of soil and land management (agriculture, forestry, urban, natural land)
- sound understanding of the concept of soil health
- proven publication skills

**We offer:**

- a salary according to the collective agreement of the German federal states (TV-L) up to E13 (including special annual payment)
- an interdisciplinary, motivating and collaborative research environment
- research themes that are both scientifically intriguing and socially relevant
- well established national and international scientific networks
- room for scientific maneuver and support in career development
- a rural landscape environment with high recreation value that is just a 35 min train ride from Berlin
- company ticket

Women are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications from severely disabled persons with equal qualifications are favored. It is generally possible to work in the position on a part-time basis. Please send your application preferably online (see button online application below). For e-mail applications, create a PDF document (one PDF file, max. 5 MB; packed PDF documents, archive files like zip, rar etc. Word documents cannot be processed and therefore cannot be considered!) with the usual documents, in particular motivation letter, CV, proof of qualification and certificates, stating the reference number **152-2022 until 10 January 2023** (see button e-mail application below).

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: Prof. Dr. Katharina Helming, Tel. +49 (0) 33432/82-155, [helming@zalf.de](mailto:helming@zalf.de).**

If you apply, we collect and process your personal data in accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of the EU GDPR only for the processing of your application and for purposes that result from possible future employment with the ZALF. Your data will be deleted after six months.

