

## JOB OFFER



## ***RESEARCHER (M/F)***

Profile specialized in the blue economy sector  
and in innovation policies

## CONTEXT

CREDA-UPC-IRTA is a Foundation dedicated to research and technology transfer in social sciences related to the agri-food sector. Founded in 2006, it is currently a benchmark in Catalonia and Spain (<https://www.creda.es/>). The selected candidate will join a young and dynamic, multidisciplinary and international team, in a motivating work environment.

CREDA-UPC-IRTA is supported by two institutions: the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) and the Institute for Food and Agricultural Research and Technology (IRTA). CREDA was born out of the need for formalizing a public Catalan research and development body in the agro-food sector, unifying and strengthening R&D capabilities and making these available to government as well as public and private sectors.

CREDA operates at the crossroads of the public and private sectors, perfectly situated to act as a reliable agent in the transfer of relevant and accurate scientific information which will assist actors at all nodes of food value chains in making informed decisions.



## PURPOSE

The selected candidate will work on blue economy issues that are developed within CREDA and will join the team in charge of the recently approved BLUEBIOMED project that will start in September (<https://cutt.ly/bluebiomed>). BLUEBIOMED forms part of the Interreg PANORAMED project (<https://governance.interreg-med.eu/>). In addition, the person occupying the position will complement activities carried out at CREDA according to the needs of the centre.

BLUEBIOMED is an interregional cooperation project aimed at generating ideas and strategies to improve public policies and the governance of the blue economy in the Mediterranean. BLUEBIOMED's main objective is to increase the capacity for innovation at the Mediterranean level to address the challenges of sustainable development, by improving the governance of innovation policies. The project requires an interdisciplinary and cross-border approach to address the SDGs that place the Mediterranean region at the forefront of a new transformative innovation paradigm for sustainable development.

CREDA will specifically address the problem of plastic in the Mediterranean, as an example of a complex and systemic social challenge. The analysis and mapping of this problem will provide a useful methodology to analyse other complex challenges in the future and make proposals for coordinated governance of them.

The project is coordinated at CREDA by Lourdes Reig, biologist, aquaculture expert, and director of the Catalan Network for Blue Innovation (BlueNetCat) (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/lourdesreig/>), and Martin Federico Alba, economist

specialized in innovation and in the agri-food sector (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/martin-federico-alba-87a59336/>).

## **SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB**

- Implement the actions foreseen in the BLUEBIOMED project under the coordination of those in charge of the project at CREDA.
- Lead the writing and publication of scientific articles and reports based on the research activity, as well as on other topics that may arise.
- Coordinate collaboration with national and international researchers and fellow experts.
- Occasionally participate in other projects being developed at CREDA.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Master in Economics, MBA, Engineering, Politics or similar. A PhD in any of these areas will be an additional value.
- Excellent level of English at a spoken and written level. Demonstrable experience in writing technical and scientific documents in English. The ability to communicate at a spoken and written level in Spanish and Catalan will be an important value.
- Demonstrable experience in applied research projects in the areas of blue economy and innovation and governance policies.
- Advanced knowledge of statistics in the economic field, especially in the agri-food and fisheries sectors.
- Willingness to travel.

## **VALUABLE EXPERIENCE**

- Experience in international projects, regular collaboration with partners in the field of research and public policy (especially outside Spain).
- Experience in a similar position.
- Knowledge of other languages such as French or Italian.
- Experience in methodologies related to data analysis in the economic field.
- Track record of publications of scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals over the last 5 years.

## SKILLS

- Ability to organize multidisciplinary teams.
- Organizational skills.
- Ability to develop different projects simultaneously.
- Ability to lead the project autonomously, under the supervision of the person in charge of the project.
- Ability to meet deadlines.
- Motivation to work on economic issues related to the agri-food and fishing sectors. Motivation to learn.
- Critical thinking and proactive attitude.
- Demanding in the quality of the work.

## CONDITIONS AND CONTRACT TYPE

**Duration of the contract:** Temporary contract until project completion (20 months) with the possibility of renewal at the centre. Incorporation scheduled as of early October 2020.

**Annual gross remuneration:** commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

**Working hours:** full time (37.5 hours per week, reduced working schedule in summer).  
Facilities for family reconciliation.

## LOCATION



**Campus of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Baix Llobregat, Castelldefels, Barcelona (<https://cbl.upc.edu/ca>).**

The Baix Llobregat Campus is located in the municipality of Castelldefels, 20 km from the city of Barcelona. Castelldefels is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea and the Garraf Natural Park. Castelldefels communicates with Barcelona by road (C-245, C-31 and C-32) and has two railway stations on the BCN-Vilanova and Geltrú line (Castelldefels Town and Castelldefels Beach) as well as various bus lines with quick access to the city centre of Barcelona.



## APPLICATION

Before **September 15, 2020**.

**It is essential to attach a resume and motivation letter.**

Please send the documentation indicating the reference 27 to [creda@creda.es](mailto:creda@creda.es) or to the postal address: CREDA-UPC-IRTA; ESAB Building; Parc Mediterrani de la Tecnologia; C/ Esteve Terradas, 8; 08860-Castelldefels (Barcelona) to the attention of Mrs. Cristina Paniagua.

Integration policy: CREDA will privilege disabled candidates as first options for the selection process