Open position – expert in Disaster Risk Assessment

CIMA Research Foundation is a non-profit research organization committed to promote the study, scientific research, technological development, and higher education in engineering and environmental sciences, within the fields of civil protection, public health and aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems conservation.

CIMA is looking for an expert motivated to work in programmes on capacity development on Disaster Risk Assessment in EU neighborhood Countries and countries of CIMA intervention; all the relevant activities will have to be declined on 3 main pillars, namely: 1) capacity development for Risk Assessment methodologies and processes; 2) capacity development for integrating Disaster Loss Data in DRA; 3) capacity development for preparation of National Disaster Risk Assessment.

Focusing on the 3 main pillars, the desired candidates should work pursuing the following objectives within the Programme:

- Facilitate exchange and develop partnerships with beneficiary countries and institutions working in the Programme;
- Contribute to develop training material and organize online trainings;
- Contribute to the organization and the animation of webinars and consultations with regional and national stakeholders, develop desk research and discussion papers as background of webinars and consultations;
- Draft guidelines at regional and national level;
- Prepare policy briefs and position papers;
- Contribute to project communication;
- Support overall projects implementation, work plan, reporting.

The desired candidate should be involved in institutional assessment projects in the field of disaster risk assessment. She/he should thus conjugate the technical expertise needed for producing risk assessment information with the capability of translating it in policies or other regulative documents; the candidate should be able to understand and to interact with the institutional structure (from national to local level) in charge of disaster risk assessment activities, as well as with the potential users of such information and tools.
The selected expert will work in collaboration with other experts, researchers, and technicians from CIMA. English will be main working language used in developing the activities.

The ideal candidate should have the following characteristics:

• a Ph.D. or relevant experience in Disaster Risk Management or related topics;
• experience in capacity building in the disaster risk assessment and disaster loss data fields;
• experience in vulnerability and risk assessment;
• willingness to travel abroad.

Further desirable expertise could refer to:

• experience in disaster loss data collection and organization;
• experience in multi-hazard impact assessment;
• strong attitude to work in partnership
• good communication skills (spoken, written and presentation);
• knowledge of Russian or French.

We offer:

• an interesting job in a young interdisciplinary and fast-growing research foundation;
• the opportunity for professional growth and know-how acquisition;
• the opportunity to work in a motivated and enterprising team;
• the opportunity to work in international projects;
• state-of-the-art technical facilities.

Interested candidates should submit their CV to the email ricerca.personale@cimafoundation.org (cover letter and reference letters can be submitted too) within 31.12.2021. Please specify "Expert in Disaster Risk Assessment".

Duty station is Savona, Italy.
After CV evaluation, selected candidates will be contacted for an interview. Based on the interview outcomes, a proposal for a position within CIMA will be made to the candidates. The proposed compensation will be commensurate with experience: factors such as demonstrated hard and soft skills, level of education, history in the sector, and relevant work experience will all be evaluated.

The target start date is as soon as possible. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Eva Trasforini (eva.trasforini@cimafoundation.org).

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