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Invitation for Expression of Interest:
Postdoctoral Research Assignment "Coordination of research activities on climate–air quality interactions and human health"

The Institute of Chemical Engineering Sciences (ICE-HT) of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH) is seeking applicants for one postdoctoral research assignment in the context of the research project "Next Generation Earth System Modelling for Realistic Projections of Rapid Climate Evolution in the Coming Decades, RealESM, GA- 101293649 — HORIZON-CL5-2025-06" which is implemented under the EU- Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action (2021-2027).

Job Description

To conduct research under a work assignment or fixed-term employment contract in the framework of the aforementioned project "RealESM". The aim of the Horizon Europe funded RealESM project is to advance European capability for Earth System Modelling, underpin long-term science, and contribute to the global effort to reduce the consequences of climate change. The overall objective of RealESM is to enhance our ability to anticipate global and regional climate conditions and extreme events in the coming years and decades, by realistically and efficiently simulating atmospheric and ocean processes, and their interactions, under anthropogenic and natural forcing. RealESM will deliver (i) advances in process representation in Earth System Models at varying resolutions, (ii) step changes in model capabilities to efficiently simulate and project global and regional climate change on decadal scales, (iii) detailed quantification of physical hazards in the atmosphere and ocean, and the role of atmosphere-ocean interactions in their development, under realistic conditions, and (iv) science-based communication of a broader set of possible climate outcomes for the coming decades, in support of adaptation and risk mitigation.

The objective of this assignment is to coordinate research activities on climate–air quality interactions, with an emphasis on understanding the complex links between atmospheric processes, aerosol characteristics, and their impacts on the environment and human health.

Location: FORTH/ICE-HT, Patras, Greece

Duration: up to 2 months, with the potential of renewal or extension according to the needs of the project and performance

Salary: up to approximately 3000 € per month (total cost of the employer, including social security and taxes) depending on the qualifications and time devoted to the project

Envisaged starting date: 01/11/2026

Requirements and Qualifications

A PhD in Environmental Engineering or Science is required. The candidates must be fluent in Greek and English (at least level B2) language so that they can better coordinate the corresponding research.



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The evaluation of the candidacies will be based on the following criteria and qualifications:

Qualifications	Weight	Evaluation criteria
Proven experience in environmental research	40	1 point per month, up to 40 points
Publications in peer-reviewed international journals on environmental science and engineering	30	5 points per publication, up to 30 points
Experience in coordination of environmental research with emphasis on air quality, climate and public health	30	2 points per month, up to 30 points
Overall	100	

Application Submission

Interested candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements should submit their applications, no later than 30/9/2026, 16:00, by email to Kleanthi Zacharopoulou: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr.

In order to be considered, the application must include:

- Application letter
- CV
- Scanned copies of academic titles
- Copies of the publications in peer-reviewed international journals
- Copy of PhD thesis
- Employer's certificate of the work experience and any other official document to certify the aforementioned required qualifications

Any application received after the deadline will not be considered for the selection.

Selection Procedure

Applications that are received on time will be evaluated by a scientific committee using the criteria mentioned above. If necessary, certain candidates will be invited to a personal interview with the committee.

Interview Criteria:

(a) Background in the objective of the assignment (5 points). (b) Organizational and communication skills (5 points). (c) Team-spirit and self-motivation (5 points). (d) Commitment to achieving the goals (5 points)

The outcome of the selection will be announced on the website of FORTH/ICE-HT as well as on the website of "DIAVGEIA".

In case of titles and qualifications awarded by foreign Higher Education Institutions, the provisions of the Law 55/2023 (article 36) and 4957/2022 (article 304) are implemented.

Selection Announcement

The result of the selection will be announced on the website of: FORTH/ICE-HT.

Candidates have the right to appeal the selection decision, by addressing their written objection to the FORTH/ICE-HT Research Secretariat, e-mail: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr, within five (5) days after the results announcement on the web.



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Contact

For information and questions regarding the application and selection procedure, candidates are asked to contact the FORTH/ICE-HT Research Secretariat, e-mail: kleanthi@iceht.forth.gr, tel.: +30 2610 965278.

For information and questions about the advertised position and the research activity of the group or the Institute, candidates are asked to contact Professor Athanasios Nenes, tel: +30 2610 965343, e-mail: athanasios.nenes@epfl.ch.

General Protection Data Regulation

FORTH is compliant with all legal procedures for the processing of personal data as defined by the Regulation EU/2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data.

FORTH processes the personal data and relevant supporting documents that you have submitted to us. Processing of that data is carried out exclusively for the needs and purposes of this specific call. Such data shall not be transmitted to or communicated to any third party unless required by law.

FORTH retains the above data up to the announcement of the final results of the call, unless further process and reservation is required by law or for purposes of exercise, enforcement, prosecution of certain one's legitimate legal rights' as defined in the Regulation EU/2016/679 and/or in national law. We inform you that under the Regulation EU/2016/679 you have the rights to be informed about your personal data, access to, rectification and erasure, restrictions of process and objection to as provided by applicable regulation and national laws.

We acknowledge also to you, that you have the right to file a complaint to the national Data Protection Authority. For any further information regarding exercise of your personal data protection rights, you may contact the Data Protection Officer at FORTH at dpo@admin.forth.gr.

You have the right to withdraw your application and consent for the processing of your personal data at any time. We inform you that, in this case, FORTH shall destroy such documents and/or supporting documents submitted and shall delete the related personal data.

For FORTH/ICE-HT,

Theophilos Ioannides
Director



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