

Researcher/senior researcher in ESG and climate risk – focus on insurance protection gap

Within the European project ESG UPTAKE aimed to strengthen and mainstream ESG and climate risk assessment across central banks and supervisory authorities in the EU, we are looking for a researcher/senior researcher to join the team.

The project is funded by the Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support of the European Commission (DG Reform) and implemented by a consortium of research and academic institutions coordinated by the Ca' Foscari University of Venice, with the scientific contribution of the Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE of Frankfurt and of the WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business).

The candidate will work with Irene Monasterolo and her team at the analysis of the Insurance Protection Gap in Italy and Europe, analysing the supply and demand side drivers, codesigning environmental and climate scenarios for supervisory insurance stress-test, and providing policy recommendations about tools to fill the Insurance Protection Gap, starting from the case of Italy.

Minimum requirements:

- Strong background in quantitative finance, financial economics, financial risk assessment
- Good knowledge of climate related financial risks, climate scenarios and stress-tests (including the challenges)
- Excellent command of coding softwares (Matlab, Python, etc)
- Interest to work at the interface between research and policy, and interact with key decision makers in finance
- Ability to work independently and deliver according to the deadlines
- Ability to write and publish research articles
- Excellent command of English (written and spoken)

What we offer:

- Possibility to take part in and support policy making in ESG and climate risk assessment, and insurance protection gap in particular, in Europe
- Possibility to join a young, interdisciplinary and dynamic team of researchers
- Possibility to interact with key decision makers in Europe and abroad, and be at the center of the academic and policy debate on climate finance
- Possibility to conduct policy-relevant work and publish research

The position is initially funded for 2 years, with possibility of extension.

Deadline for application: 15th February 2024

Starting date: 1st April 2024 (negotiable)

Location: WU Wien, Institute for Ecological Economics, Vienna (AT)

Applications should be sent to: irene.monasterolo@gmail.com including (i) cover letter, (ii) one reference letter (iii) CV with list of publications (iv) two research articles.

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