

Project Director of the Horizon Europe AMRIT project

Contract duration: 3 years position

Working place: based in Plouzané, Brittany, France

Starting date: Q1 2025

Desired education level : M.Sc., Ph.D

Desired experience : 5-10 years or more (Ph.D. in Marine Science incl.)

Quota : 100 %

Salary : Depending on experience, from €2900 to €3500/month gross, negotiable

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Background:

Today in Europe, the operations of in situ observing platforms rely on a network of Research Infrastructures distributed all around Europe. The activities in the network include in situ and remote operations at sea and data management of a large number of assets for a wide variety of applications. Such activities rely on important IT resources, R&D to improve the capacity of the platforms, as well as managerial and financial activities to run the infrastructures and provide access to them. AMRIT (Advance Marine Research Infrastructures Together) is a pioneering project designed to revolutionise the landscape of marine research infrastructures in Europe, strengthening their ability to respond to Europe's policy and global scientific challenges.

AMRIT (<https://www.amritproject.eu/>) is a Horizon Europe & UKRI funded project, with 26 European partners, designed to advance Marine Research Infrastructures (MRIs). By developing tools and services integrating the operations of marine observation platforms, AMRIT aims to:

- ensure seamless operation of marine observation platforms ;
- ensure the full nominal use of sensors and accelerate their evolution ;
- exploit the complementarity of the various observation platforms ;
- ensure the overall coherence of the ocean data value chain ;
- with a consistent and comprehensive list of metadata and descriptors.

Missions:

ARMINES, the Coordinator of Horizon Europe Project AMRIT, is seeking a Project Director. Under the supervision of the project Scientific Coordinator, Professor Laurent Mortier, the main tasks of the project director are to:

- be the main contact for AMRIT;
- coordinate the AMRIT project with the support of the administrative staff of ARMINES:
 - monitoring of the project progress, support to all members of the consortium for the project implementation;
 - guarantee the quality and standards for reporting (deliverables and milestones) and for dissemination & communication;
 - high level reporting towards the European Commission and other stakeholders;
 - manage the organisational and technical aspects of the project;
- support the project and its partners for institutional activities at the national, European and international levels;
- represent the project with scientific presentations at workshops and conferences;

- organize project-related events;
- any other duties relevant to the role and grade, as required.

Required qualifications and skills:

- Applicants must have an advanced university degree (M.Sc or equivalent degree) in Oceanography, Marine Science or Engineering, or related fields. A PhD in a relevant field is an advantage.
- Applicants must have at least 5 years (PhD included) of relevant experience in ocean observations or services in ocean observation organisations.
- Applicants must have demonstrated experience in coordinating, managing and implementing projects, desirably at the European or international level.
- Excellent organizational, written and communication skills.
- Professional command of both spoken and written English, and good knowledge of French and/or another European language.

Desired qualifications and skills:

- Motivation and ability to interact with multiple stakeholders on national, international (and interdisciplinary) levels including researchers, operators, administrative staff, science officers, and policy makers.
- Degree in management of European affairs or similar.
- Knowledge of major national and EU funding instruments.
- Experience of working and collaborating among Research Infrastructures in the environmental field.

Working conditions

Full-time; travel in France and abroad ; possibility of working from home in accordance with the employer's applicable rules.

Administrative

The position is for a duration of 3 years and is located at Plouzané, Brittany, in Ifremer premises. ARMINES (www.armines.net/fr/europe/), the coordinator of the project, will be the employer. ARMINES is an equal opportunity employer and supports gender equality.

Inquiries about the position should be addressed to Professor Laurent Mortier (laurent.mortier@ensta-paris.fr).

To apply for this position, please send your CV, a covering letter, and the name of 2 referees in the project field, to:

- Clara Flack (clara.flack@minesparis.psl.eu),
- Yves Ponçon (yves.poncon@minesparis.psl.eu),
- and Pr. Laurent Mortier (laurent.mortier@ensta-paris.fr).

Interviews will be organised with the shortlisted applicants.

Complementary informations

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