

The Institute of Farm Economics of the Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institute, Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries, in Braunschweig is offering a full-time position (39 hours per week) starting as soon as possible (01.10.2022 earliest) and limited for three years for a

Researcher (f, m, d)
(agricultural scientist with a focus on economics;
interest in modelling and organic farming)

for the EU-funded project "Transformation scenarios for boosting organic farming and organic aquaculture towards the Farm-to-Fork targets (OrganicTargets4EU)". In order to achieve the climate and biodiversity targets set, the EU Commission is striving in the Farm-to-Fork Strategy, among other things, for an organic area share of 25 % and Germany an area share of 30 % by 2030. The aim of the position is to estimate future development scenarios of organic farming using the CAPRI model in cooperation with the project partners.

Your tasks:

- Literature research and expert interviews on the determinants of the development of organic agriculture.
- Support of statistical and economic evaluations of agricultural statistical mass data on the production structures of the different organic production methods and on the decision to convert to organic production (including the use of the test farm network and the agricultural structure survey)
- Development of methods for estimating future development scenarios in cooperation with the project partners and their representation in CAPRI
- Quantitative model-based impact assessment of a strong expansion of organic farming in Europe
- Preparation of scientific reports, publications and technical papers
- Presentation of results at national and international conferences and meetings

Skills and experience profile:

- Completed university studies (Univ.-Dipl./M.Sc.) in agricultural sciences with an economic focus (e.g. specialisation in agricultural economics, economic and social sciences of agriculture).
- Doctorate advantageous, but not a prerequisite
- Good knowledge of micro- and macroeconomic interrelationships in the field of agriculture
- Knowledge of organic farming is advantageous
- Good knowledge of the application of statistical methods, experience with the evaluation of agricultural statistical mass data is advantageous
- Knowledge and first experiences with partial equilibrium models are advantageous
- Experience with the programming languages GAMS and R is desirable

Personal profile:

- Enjoyment of scientific work in interdisciplinary and international project contexts and modelling.
- Interest in interdisciplinary questions in applied contexts
- High degree of individual initiative and organisational skills, independent, structured and goal-oriented working style and good time management skills
- Strong cooperation, communication and teamwork skills
- Ability to present complex issues in a comprehensible and target audience-oriented manner
- Very good written and spoken English
- Willingness and ability to travel on business (for several days), e.g. within Europe, combined with a high degree of flexibility (car driving licence)



We offer an employment in a stimulating scientific environment at the interface between science, politics and practice. The Thünen Institute offers a family-friendly environment, flexible working hours and the possibility for further training and qualification. The Institute is located on a large park-like research campus with leisure facilities (tennis, beach volleyball) and a kindergarten (parents' initiative).

We support the compatibility of work and family and are a holder of the [audit berufundfamilie](#) certificate. In order to support this compatibility, the Thünen Institute offers, among other things, flexible working time models, home office and teleworking within the scope of the official possibilities. If there is interest, we will consider whether part-time requests can be met within the scope of the official possibilities.

The employment relationship is governed by the provisions of the German Tariff Agreement for Public Services (TVöD-Bund) and includes comprehensive health, social and pension insurances. The salary is according to remuneration group 13 TVöD. If relevant, an assessment of the option for a part-time position will be carried out.

The Thünen Institute promotes equality between women and men in the workplace and therefore, expressly welcomes applications from women.

The Thünen Institute is also committed to inclusion. Applications from people with severe disabilities are therefore explicitly welcome. These will be given special consideration in the selection procedure.

Dr. Alexander Gocht (alexander.gocht@thuenen.de) is available to answer any questions and provide additional information.

For CAPRI see: <https://www.thuenen.de/de/infrastruktur/thuenen-modellverbund/modelle/capri/>

For the Project see: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/org-details/889419967/project/101060368/program/43108390/details>

If you are interested, please send us your application documents including a letter of motivation, a Curriculum Vitae in tabular format (describing your education and professional career) and copies of certificates (Master's certificate, school-leaving certificate, etc.) by **22.08.2022**, quoting the reference number **2022-181-BW-21**, preferably electronically (as one pdf document) to

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