



**Announcement of a
Post-Doc scholarship within the framework of the project:
“SUFISA: Sustainable finance for sustainable agriculture and fishery”,
H2020 call SFS-19-2014**

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A call is open for a Post-Doc Research Scholarship within the European project “SUFISA: Sustainable finance for sustainable agriculture and fishery”, from the call H2020 SFS-19-2014”, financed by the European Commission 2015-2019.

Scientific domain: interaction between social sciences, agronomy, geography

Requirements for admission: The candidates should have a Master in Economy, Geography or equivalent, preferably within the social sciences, but Agronomy and Forestry or equivalent would also be considered. They should also have a PhD under a theme related with the farming systems and conditions for farmers, including regulatory and market conditions, as well as farmer strategies and performance. Experience on farm surveys, the application of participatory methods, and transdisciplinary dialogue, will be particularly valued. Fluency in Portuguese is an advantage.

Work Plan: The project SUFISA is focused on the functioning of the European food system as key to deliver food and nutrition security (FNS) for all Europeans. However, that system faces many economic, environmental and social challenges as well as opportunities following socio-economic and technological developments. These are not equally distributed throughout the EU. Rather, the diverse production systems that characterize the EU give rise to a diverse set of challenges and opportunities. Future policymaking aiming at healthy and resilient systems needs to take into account this differentiation and diversity of approaches, which necessitate foresight activities that consider both the development of important driving forces as well as the social and spatial diversity.

Primary production—that is agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture—forms the foundation of the food system. Its structure and performance are influenced by various conditions shaped by both the public and the private sector. As economic agents, primary producers aim at generating a sufficient amount of income, but their financial conditions are highly dependent on public and private actors, such as government regulators (including the EU’s agricultural and fisheries policies), the financial sector, suppliers, the food industry, retailers, etc. In other words, the web of policy requirements as well as input and output market imperfections greatly shape farmers’ and fishermen’s livelihoods.

Knowledge on the conditions of primary producers and the driving forces influencing these conditions exists, but in a fragmented way: not all primary producers and regions are covered,

not all driving forces have been investigated, cross-linkages between them have been insufficiently analysed, future opportunities are not well integrated, etc.

The aim of SUFISA is to identify sustainable practices and policies in the agricultural, fish and food sectors that support the sustainability of primary producers in a context of multi-dimensional policy requirements, market imperfections and globalisation.

The five specific objectives of SUFISA are:

1. To deliver a conceptual framework that links market imperfections and policy requirements to primary producers' conditions, strategies and performance (WP1);
2. To investigate the nature of market imperfections, policy requirements and their implications for specific commodity sectors and regions (WP2);
3. To analyse the impact of market imperfections and policy requirements on the efficiency and performance of primary producers (WP3);
4. To identify sustainable practices and policies in the agricultural, fish and food sectors that support the sustainability of primary producers and develop future scenarios aimed at countering the identified market imperfections (WP2 and WP4);
5. To carry out work in a transdisciplinary way using a multi-actor approach, that is, to actively engage a broad spectrum of relevant stakeholders from the beginning of the project in order to optimise both the relevance of the work carried out and its dissemination and uptake by stakeholders (WP5).

The University of Evora is involved in WP1, Conceptual Framework, and also, with stronger effort, in WP2, Case Study Analysis, and in this WP, is responsible for Task 2.3, Focus Groups and Workshops. Within WP2, the case study analysis in Portugal will be developed. The Post-Doc researcher will also be involved in all the remaining activities of the project, but particularly in WP4, on Solutions and Scenarios. Mainly, the Post-Doc researcher will be in charge of the analysis of market, policy and other conditions for farming in selected commodity chains, and to apply the questionnaires required for the survey to be undertaken in Portugal, as well as for the focus groups and workshop organization, according to a methodological approach to be defined for the whole project. Part of the activities of the Post-Doc researcher will be also dedicated to supporting the team coordinator in all tasks related with SUFISA. The researcher is expected to lead at least two scientific publications issuing from the project results, and to participate in others. The research is to be developed in the University of Evora, ICAAM (Institute for Mediterranean Agrarian and Environmental Sciences, within the Research Group on landscape Dynamics and Social processes.

Relevant legislation and regulation: The scholarship will run for 12 months, starting 15th July 2015, in exclusivity regime, according to the Regulation for Research Scholarships in the University of Évora (Ordem de Serviço nº1/2011), the Statutes of Scientific Research Fellow (Lei nº40/2004 de 18 de Agosto e Decreto-Lei nº 202/2012 de 27 de Agosto) and in accordance with the legislation and regulation "Formação Avançada e Qualificação de Recursos Humanos", from FCT (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml).

The attribution of the scholarship will be object of a contract in-between the University of Évora and the person selected, respecting the Regulation for Research Scholarships in the University of Évora, the Statutes of Scientific Research Fellow, and the relevant legislation.

Place of work: The work is to be developed at the ICAAM, Polo da Mitra of the University of Evora, under the scientific coordination of Teresa Pinto-Correia

Length of the scholarship: The scholarship will last for 12 months, with a foreseen start at the 15th July 2015. The scholarship will possibly be renewed until the end of the project.

Payment: According to the scholarship values applied by the Portuguese Research Foundation (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>): the monthly payment is of 1450 Euros, not subject to taxes, and the contribution to the national social-medical insurance is paid by the project. The payment is done by cheque or bank transfer.

Selection: The selection is done based on the documentation sent, and an interview may be required. When the candidates are not available to come to Evora, the interview may be undertaken using *skype*. The analysis of the CV performs 100 % of the evaluation. The interview will be used to select between candidates equally ranked.

Selection Comitee: Teresa Pinto Correia (President), Nuno Almeida Ribeiro (1^o vogal), Gottlieb Basch (2^o vogal), Maria Elvira Sales Batista (1^o suplente), Paulo Alexandre da Cunha e Sá de Sousa (2^o suplente).

Announcement of results: The final results of the selection will be announced, through a ranked list according to the classification, displayed at the ICAAM, and sent to all candidates by e-mail.

Period for the call and presentation of application: Only application received from 12 to 26 June 2015 will be considered. The selection and information about results will be done until the 29 June 2015.

Applications should be sent by e-mail, including a motivation letter, the *curriculum vitae* of the candidate, a copy of the Master and PhD certificates, and two recommendation letters, to:

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