



## Position Advertisement

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### Project Officer (International Development)

- **CDD Full time (Fixed term contract) 4-5 years**
- **One Health epidemiology consulting company**
- **Position based in Lyon (at least part time)**
- **Excellent English communication essential**
- **Excellent organisational skills**
- **Salary based on skills and experience**
- **Experience working in or with developing countries essential**

We are looking for an organised, experienced project officer/consultant to take on a key role in the implementation of a large and complex health related project across multiple countries. The project leadership team will be based in Lyon, France and you will need to work flexibly and creatively with this team across several time zones. You will already have a background in International Development and a strong understanding of health/disease/epidemiology/value-chains in food production.

We are seeking someone with initiative who can work well independently but who will readily accept direction and support from the project leads. You will need to have an agile mind and love a challenge. You are used to juggling a wide variety of tasks efficiently, determining priorities and holding to deadlines and other obligations. You will be pragmatic, a clear thinker and have loads of common sense. Working with collaborators from different countries and backgrounds will come easily and naturally to you because you are a great communicator in both written and spoken English. You will be able to inspire and draw the best out of teams as well as guide, shepherd and coordinate activities with sensitivity, good humour and intelligence. You will be the operational linchpin for the project – the person everyone goes to first - so you will have to keep up with different an excellent capacity to share the right information to the right people at the right time.

If you think you have these qualities and abilities, can demonstrate your suitability, AND want to make important contribution to public, animal and environmental health across the world then we really want to hear from you. For more information, contact us: [contact@ausvet.eu](mailto:contact@ausvet.eu)

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Capital social : €10 000

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# Job Description

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## Project officer (International development)

**Full-time. Fixed-term employment contract (CDD) full-time for 4 to 5 years.**  
**Ausvet Europe — 69001 Lyon**

**Ausvet Europe** is a private epidemiology consulting company based in Lyon, France. We are currently seeking an outstanding candidate to join our growing team for a key project implementation position in a new and exciting 4- to 5-year project spanning several countries. This anticipated project is due to commence early in 2021 and the successful candidate will have to be prepared to “hit the ground running”.

## About Ausvet

Ausvet is based in Australia with offices in Canberra, and Fremantle, near Perth. Ausvet Europe, established in March 2019, is a subsidiary company of Ausvet and the two companies work interchangeably on the same projects.

Established for over 22 years, the Ausvet team has a passion for complex epidemiological challenges, finding innovative solutions and supporting improved health outcomes in LMICs. We work around the globe on enormously varied projects, seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of humans, terrestrial and aquatic animals, and plants, using applied epidemiology combined with complementary disciplines. Our projects include:

- epidemiological data analysis
- disease control and eradication program design, implementation, and evaluation
- animal health policy review and analysis
- epidemiological information system design and implementation
- biosecurity system design
- disease surveillance
- training
- outbreak investigation and response
- design and analysis of trials
- risk analysis
- applied and methodological research
- and much more.

This is an opportunity to join our growing European consulting team, working together with the Australian team and counterparts in the project countries.

## The position

We are seeking an experienced person to fill a new full-time project implementation role ideally based in our Lyon office. The project’s goals are to develop sustainable market-driven approaches to address livestock value-chain risks of antimicrobial resistance, transboundary animal diseases and zoonoses, through the implementation of integrated people-centred information systems for animal health and production.



Working in collaboration with country leaders (based in France), the Australia-based team, and in-country teams in Vietnam and Indonesia, the Project Consultant will assist and facilitate the wide range of project activities throughout the life of the project.

Ausvet Europe is seeking to attract a great communicator and a highly organised person who has the necessary skills and experience to support a large international research and development project with a diverse team located across four countries.

### **The successful applicant will:**

- Benefit from the stimulation of working with a team of talented, experienced, rigorous and questioning colleagues
- Work in a flexible environment that respects the individual and their role in the team, and thrives on diversity
- Have an opportunity to travel (post-COVID) and experience new technical, cultural and management challenges
- Be based in (or be willing and able to visit frequently) the World Heritage city of Lyon and all its advantages.

### **Position Tasks & Responsibilities**

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting the recruitment and ongoing activities of the national (in-country) teams in Vietnam and Indonesia
- Collaborative development of a detailed project plan
- Coordination and management including
  - Project team meetings (4 countries)
  - Coordinate with consortium members
  - Coordinate two PhD students (but not supervise)
  - Coordinate and support the Project Advisory Council
- Supporting the project oversight and reporting requirements including
  - Support 6-monthly review process
  - Preparation of progress and milestone reports
  - Preparation of Annual Plans
- Assisting in the coordination of the information system development team
  - Link between country teams and the software team
- Supporting and coordinating in-country project activities
  - Public and private stakeholder engagement
  - Engage in project PR and communication activities
- Project implementation
  - Provide technical assistance to the country leaders and in-country staff, using your experience and training to implement project activities such as
    - Stakeholder identification and analysis
    - Market systems and value chain analysis
    - Stakeholder consultations
    - Identifying opportunities for market-driven disease risk management
    - Identifying how surveillance, production, traceability and other data may be creatively used for risk-management within a market-driven framework

## Skills and qualifications

While epidemiology is at the heart of most of Ausvet's work, we work across multiple disciplines and would accept candidates from a wider range of areas including

- epidemiologist with additional skills in the domains below
- development practitioners with a background in One Health, public health or animal health
- social scientists with a background in international development, user-focused system design, market and industry expertise, economics or communications

### Essential

- Advanced qualifications and demonstrated expertise in one or more of the disciplines related to the project's work (for example, a Master's or PhD in epidemiology, sociology, economics, international development, etc.)
- Excellent command of spoken and written English, and demonstrated ability to prepare high quality written communications, including project reports, policy documents and scientific papers in English
- Excellent communication and network and relationship building skills
- Excellent organisational skills and time management
- Able to communicate effectively using a variety of digital tools (video-conferencing, phone, WhatsApp, etc)
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively in small and large teams both remotely and in person.
- Demonstrated ability to adapt to change effectively and to adopt new tools, methods and technologies efficiently

### Desirable

- Fluency in languages other than English - Vietnamese, Bahasa Indonesia of particular interest
- Experience working in low- and middle-income countries
- Experience in or understanding of
  - Stakeholder identification and needs analysis
  - Project management
  - Market-driven approaches for sustainable development
  - Livestock value chains in SE Asia
  - Livestock disease surveillance and control
  - The use of information systems to support value-chain players
  - One or more of the following production systems – poultry, pork, aquaculture
  - Intensive and smallholder livestock production systems
  - Development project monitoring, evaluation and learning frameworks
  - Social and economic field research methods
  - Working with large international development donor organisations

## Requirements

- A valid passport



- Willingness and ability to undertake frequent travel when this becomes possible and have necessary inoculations associated with this travel
- Able to be employed in France (based on nationality or holding an appropriate visa or permit)
- Flexibility to participate remotely in meetings held in different time zones

## Attributes

- Can-do, positive problem-solving attitude
- A creative, curious mind
- A passion for using your skills and abilities to change the world
- Mental agility allowing you to engage with a variety of different tasks at the same time
- Scientific rigour
- When required, have an ability to work to tight deadlines, be disciplined and output-focused
- The ability to take the initiative, and seek practical, effective solutions to challenging problems
- A desire to learn new skills and deepen insights
- A desire to travel, and a capacity to embrace the challenges of working in different cultures and challenging environments

## Applications

The deadline for applications is **Sunday, 7 February 2021**. Applications should include:

- A convincing covering letter explaining your motivations and demonstrating how you have the skills, qualifications, and attributes mentioned above
- A detailed and professional curriculum vitae
- Salary expectations and a realistic, indicative date when you might be available to start.

Short-listed candidates will be required to supply the names and contact details of at least 2 referees who can attest to their recent performance in a professional setting.

## COVID-19 considerations

We work collaboratively, use communication tools to their fullest and maintain close contact with all our consultants even while we work remotely. Due to the current situation in France, we anticipate that much of the recruitment process will be conducted remotely.

8 January 2021

