To support our team in **Berlin** we are looking, as soon as possible, for a

Researcher with focus on food and agricultural policy

Starting part time (30 h / week)

Through a range of projects, the Ecologic Institute is working on the transformation of food and agricultural systems towards greater sustainability, health promotion and resilience. Particular emphasis is placed on the interconnection between food and agricultural policy. Key thematic areas include, amongst others, reducing food waste, promoting sustainable and more plant-based diets, strengthening regional value chains, and shaping policy frameworks at local, national and European levels.

Interested ?

If so, the Ecologic Institute's food team looks forward to welcoming you as a recent graduate with a keen interest in policy and scientific issues at the intersection of nutrition, agriculture and the environment.

Your tasks:

- ✓ Collaboration on projects at regional, national and European level relating to sustainable agricultural and food systems and related environmental issues.
- ✓ Support in addressing issues concerning the reduction of food waste in the food retail sector in various European countries.
- ✓ Conducting literature reviews, qualitative and quantitative scientific analyses, and presenting the results in a manner tailored to the target audience.
- ✓ Providing support in the communication and dissemination of project results, as well as in the design, organisation and delivery of participatory events and dialogue formats.
- ✓ Contributing to collaboration with project partners and to the acquisition of new projects.

Your profile:

- ✓ A completed Master's degree in nutrition, agricultural, environmental, sustainability, political, social or economic sciences, or a comparable degree relating to food, agricultural or environmental policy.
- ✓ Good knowledge of agricultural and food policy, particularly at German and European level, would be an advantage.
- ✓ Interest in interdisciplinary issues and in working within international and interdisciplinary teams.
- ✓ Analytical skills and experience in applying qualitative and quantitative methods.
- ✓ A structured, independent and reliable approach to work, as well as the ability to present complex topics in a clear and accessible manner.
- ✓ Very good written and spoken German and English.

What we offer:

- ✓ You will be working at a leading international think tank that develops solutions to the most pressing environmental challenges of our time. Your work will be scientifically sound and politically independent – in constant dialogue with experts and decision-makers from politics, research, business and civil society.
- ✓ As part of an international team, you will enjoy a pleasant working atmosphere in a flexible and family-friendly environment with flat hierarchies.
- ✓ You will work independently and autonomously on projects, thereby strengthening your profile in the field of food and agricultural politics. In doing so, you will be able to draw on the institute's excellent track record and networks.

- ✓ We will support you and offer you creative freedom as well as opportunities for further training to deepen your specialist knowledge and develop your professional skills.
- ✓ We offer you a 30-hour-per-week contract with a competitive salary, initially for a fixed term of two years. We aim for long-term continued employment.
- ✓ We cover a significant portion of the cost of the Deutschlandticket
- ✓ We offer flexible working hours with the option of remote working. Remote working within the EU is possible for three weeks per year.

Interested?

Please apply online with the following documents:

- Letter of motivation
- CV
- Work samples (e.g.articles/ other publications in German and English each max. 10 pages)
- Certificates
- References

Deadline for applications: December 13, 2026

For questions please contact our HR Manager Verena Stange via 030/86880-122 or per e-mail: verena.stange@ecologic.eu

Please note that, due to the Christmas holidays, invitations to interviews will not be sent out until the second week of January.

Diversity in disciplines, backgrounds, and experiences strengthens research and society. We therefore welcome all applications. The only criteria for hiring are the job requirements and the qualifications of the applicants. We therefore ask that you refrain from sending photos with your application.

Ecologic Institute

Ecologic Institute is an independent scientific institute for environmental research and policy analysis based in Berlin.

Founded in 1995, we combine rigorous, politically independent research with hands-on policy support to advance healthier communities and ecosystems.

Around 100 experts from over 25 countries bring diverse perspectives across environmental policy, sustainable development, and socio-ecological research. Our inter- and transdisciplinary teams run projects, support and evaluate policy processes at national, European, and international levels, and convene actors from science, policy, and practice. We deliver in-depth analyses, practical recommendations, and education and capacity building with leading universities worldwide.

Further information: **ecologic.eu**