

Vacancy Description – Project Officer for Food System Networks, Innovation & Education

Hours: 0.5 FTE (2,5 days / week)

Starting Date: 01 February 2026 (negotiable)

Contract type: 1 year (with possibility to extend)

Salary Range: €2,000 – €2,500 gross / month

SusMetro EU B.V. is looking for a project officer to be involved in two EU-funded projects that address food system transition. Within this topic, the focus is on the transition to a more sustainable food system with special emphasis on innovative solutions for food environments, health and educational issues. SusMetro is also strongly involved in the coordination and knowledge exchange between Food Living Labs.

We are looking for someone with a passion for changing the food system that can take a central role in managing selected work packages and project tasks. These projects operate at the intersection between research, governance & on-the-ground food system interventions.

Our team works largely remotely, with periodic in-person team meetings taking place in Tilburg. The role requires occasional travel within Europe for project meetings. This role offers a high level of flexibility and independence, with excellent opportunities for network development and involvement in high-level food system developments.

Key responsibilities:

- Be the first point of contact for selected projects & work packages in the research projects of [CLEVERFOOD](#) & [FEAST](#).
- Lead or co-lead the development of work package outputs and interactions (deliverables, reports, factsheets, workshops, meetings, policy briefs, communications materials, progress monitoring, key outputs, next steps).
- Collaborate with project partners to discuss and implement project activities as outlined in the project grant agreements, involving:
 - Engagement of relevant partners & stakeholders.
 - Planning & management of tasks, (online) meetings, deadlines.
 - Handle communications and cooperation with project partners
- Active role in project acquisition & contribution to new project proposals.

Essential Candidate skills:

- Ability to work at the interface between science, practice and food policy
- Ability to work remotely and to structure your own workflow.
- Strong organisational / planning skills.

- Strong skills using (creative) digital (cloud-based) tools (Zoom, MS Teams, Google Drive, Canva, Menti-meter, Miro)
- Strong communication skills and ability to adapt communication style according to the target group.
- Strong presentation skills for multidisciplinary audiences.
- Professional proficiency in English **and** Dutch is essential.

Experience & Interests

- High level of interest in food & health related challenges, ideally with an academic background to match.
- Experience in project management and reporting, with large, multi-disciplinary consortia is highly valued.
- Experience working with Living Labs is highly relevant and desirable.
- Experience in innovative environments & ability to contribute to innovative solutions for the food system.
- A candidate with additional interest in exploring commercial opportunities for food education is welcomed.

Interested applicants should email their CV and motivation letter to Dirk Wascher at dirk@susmetro.eu

Application deadline: 01 December 2025

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview in Tilburg between 15.12.25 – 19.12.25.
