



In the secretariat of the **International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)** in Koblenz (Germany), a vacancy for a full-time post (39 hours per week) as a

**project manager / scientific assistant
for the project on non-target screening
in the Rhine river basin**

is to be filled from **1 April 2026** on. According to the project agreement, the position is **limited until 28 February 2029**.

Job description

The project manager will coordinate the international project on non-target screening:

- Coordinate and harmonise the actions between the project partners running monitoring stations in Switzerland, Germany, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, the ICPR and the software developer;
- Cooperate with other institutions (indirect project participants) being part of the ICPR Expert Group "Analytics" (SANA);
- Contribution to optimising and implementing the sample preparation method for the subsequent measurement by means of high-resolution mass spectrometry linked to liquid chromatography (LC-HRMS) and to gas chromatography (GC-MS) (together with the involved project partners);
- Optimisation, adaptation and validation of data acquisition for LC-HRMS and GC-MS measurements from the monitoring stations for a joint evaluation;
- Contribution to optimising the evaluation algorithms and strategies of LC-HRMS and GC-MS data of different mass spectrometer types with the aim of a joint (semi-) automated evaluation for the monitoring stations (together with an external software developer);
- Prioritisation and identification of previously unknown substances in the Rhine;
- Participation in further developing the software so that it can be used for warning purposes (together with an external software developer);
- Regular reporting to the project partners and in scope of the ICPR Expert Group SANA;
- Public relations, in particular the presentation of the project results at national and international conferences, writing publications and organising workshops on the results of the project.

You have the following qualifications:

- relevant university/college degree in chemistry, natural sciences, environmental management, bioanalytics, water management/water quality or equivalent qualification;
- experience in environmental analysis, especially in the field of LC-MS, GC-MS and non-target screening or similar analytical methods;

- good knowledge of IT and data management;
- fast learner and ability to set priorities;
- very good communication and organisational skills;
- ability to express complex scientific facts concisely, clearly and comprehensibly (both written and spoken);
- a high degree of ability to work in a team, resilience and flexibility;
- very good knowledge of English.

The following extra qualifications would be an asset:

- experience in project management / coordination;
- professional experience in the field of water management or environmental management;
- knowledge of German, French or Dutch.

We offer you:

- a varied and very interesting job in the service of the environment;
- a motivated, dynamic and multicultural team;
- a salary according to TVöD-Bund salary group E13.

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Description of the project

The objective of this project is to further develop the international activities on non-target screening in the Rhine river basin. An international, centralised, innovative and fast data processing, evaluation and storage method for non-target data has been established since 2021, as part of a project funded by the EU LIFE programme. Since 2024, the project has been continued with self-funding from public authorities in the Rhine river basin.

For further information

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Please submit your complete application documents in electronic form by 15 February 2026, 00:00 h to sekretariat@iksr.de.

Brief introduction of the ICPR

Since 1950, Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the European Union have been working together in the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) on the basis of a treaty under international law in order to reconcile the many different uses of the river and its protection. In order to fully implement European directives, this trans-boundary cooperation was extended to Austria, Liechtenstein and the Belgian region Wallonia.

The current President is Lionel Berthet, Deputy Regional Director at the Grand Est Regional Directorate for Environment, Planning and Housing (France). The President and the different ICPR gorups are supported by the international staff of the permanent secretariat in Koblenz (Germany).