

## Job Vacancy – PhD position in International law and entrepreneurship

eCOAST is an applied research centre in marine environmental sciences and a spin-off company from Ghent University (Belgium). We work on a wide range of topics: from marine ecology over sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to marine law and policy and Blue Growth. You can find more information on our website [www.ecoast.be](http://www.ecoast.be).

eCOAST is part of a group of 11 European research organizations that recently started the **MarPipe** project, a Marie Curie training network. In this project, 11 PhD students will study different aspects of the marine biodiscovery pipeline. eCOAST is looking to recruit a PhD student that will work on the legal aspects, innovation and entrepreneurship of marine biodiscovery. A more detailed description of this specific PhD project can be found at <http://www.marpipe.eu/call-for-phd-details/> under ESR8. This cross-cutting and challenging research project will be co-supervised by Ghent University.

### Your profile

- The research topic covers law and business. Hence, we are searching for a student with a background in law and a keen interest in business, or a student with a background in business and a keen interest in law;
- A Master degree at University level in any of the following topics: law, policy, business administration, entrepreneurship, innovation management;
- You have to fulfil the following criteria in order to be eligible:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides\\_for\\_applicants/h2020-guide-appl16-msca-rise\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides_for_applicants/h2020-guide-appl16-msca-rise_en.pdf)
- Strong verbal and written communication skills;
- Ability to ensure timely delivery of tasks and flexibility of approach to such tasks;
- Good planning skills;
- Team player, but also able to work independently;
- Fluency in English; knowledge of another EU language is an advantage.
- Knowledge of (marine) biodiscovery legislation and/or entrepreneurial sciences are assets;
- Previous experience with EU projects is an asset;
- A publication record is a plus;

### Our offer

- A fulltime PhD position for 3 years, with start date April 1<sup>th</sup> of 2017;
- Competitive salary;
- Chance to work in a large EU funded Project with a variety of different international partners;
- Possibility to travel to other partners in the project for short internships;
- You will be based in Ostend (Belgium), with a view on the sea;
- You will work within a young and dynamic environment; in a multidisciplinary, multilingual and multicultural team;
- Flexible working hours, possibility to do telework occasionally;
- Starting within eCOAST will give you great first experience in the professional world, opening doors both in the private and public sector.

This vacancy will stay open until **January 31<sup>th</sup> of 2017**, or until a suitable candidate has been appointed. Please send your application letter, including your CV and the names of 3 referees, to [jobs@ecoast.be](mailto:jobs@ecoast.be)