

## FULL-TIME POSTDOC/SENIOR RESEARCHER ON GOVERNING AND MANAGING THE JUST TRANSITION

HEC Liège, University of Liège (Belgium)

### CONTEXT

The European Green Deal (EGD) aims to transform the European Union to become carbon neutral by 2050. A key pillar of this transition is that it should leave no person or place behind. The European Commission has created a special tool, called the Just Transition Mechanism, to support this ambition. The researcher will work closely on this subject through participation in the European project '[BOLSTER](#)' (Bridging Organizations and marginalized communities for Local Sustainability Transitions in EuRope).

BOLSTER aims to understand how marginalized communities are affected by the EGD policies and the Just Transition Mechanism. It then aims to assess whether involving such communities in decision-making processes increases the support for transition plans. BOLSTER studies seven different regions in Europe, and the researcher will focus on the Belgian case (specifically the province of Hainaut).

For more information about BOLSTER: <https://bolster-horizon.eu/>

### JOB DESCRIPTION

The researcher will have two key missions:

1. The researcher will closely work with the BOLSTER consortium (12 different organizations throughout Europe) to ensure the 'Research in Action' tasks associated to the project. This includes organizing multi-actor forums in the target regions in Belgium.
2. The researcher will work in collaboration with Professor Nathalie Crutzen (Professor of Sustainability, Strategy, and Performance Management) and with Professor Sybille Mertens (Professor of Social Economy, Social enterprises business models, Collective action for transition) on a research project to complement the work with BOLSTER. The project should be linked to the theme of the just transition or a related topic (governance of transitions, collaboration between stakeholders for transitions, linking social economy business models and just transition, financing just transition, etc.) based on their background.

The researcher will develop a clear research agenda for the duration of the research period (including precise research questions, expected scientific contributions and theoretical underpinnings of the research). A clear publication agenda will be validated (including A\*, A, min B journals<sup>1</sup>) at the beginning of the mission.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.hec.uliege.be/cms/c\\_8631209/fr/hec-liege-academic-journal-guide-december-2022](https://www.hec.uliege.be/cms/c_8631209/fr/hec-liege-academic-journal-guide-december-2022)

## JOB QUALIFICATIONS

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- A doctoral degree in a related field (management, economics, political science, etc.) is required.
- The postdoctoral candidate should demonstrate outstanding research potential with reference to HEC Liege Academic Journal Guide ([https://www.hec.uliege.be/cms/c\\_8631209/fr/hec-liege-academic-journal-guidedecember-2022](https://www.hec.uliege.be/cms/c_8631209/fr/hec-liege-academic-journal-guidedecember-2022)). Preference for candidates with previous scientific publications in international peer reviewed journals (A or B publications in HEC Liège guide).
- Spoken and written English, knowledge of French is strongly appreciated.

## INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

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- ▶ Application deadline: **3 May 2024**
- ▶ Starting date: **Summer 2024**
- ▶ Duration: **1 year (with some possible extension)**

Interested candidates should apply electronically by sending their application to Professor Nathalie Crutzen ([ncrutzen@uliege.be](mailto:ncrutzen@uliege.be)) and to Professor Sybille Mertens ([smertens@uliege.be](mailto:smertens@uliege.be)) **before 3/05/2024**.

Please provide the following:

- (1) A **research proposal** for the research period, of maximum 10,000 characters (spaces included) containing the following sections: (A) Context/Problem, (B) Research question(s), (C) State of the art, (D) Theoretical perspectives, (E) Research methodology, (F) Expected research output and contributions, and (G) Calendar;
- (2) A detailed CV;
- (3) A list of publications and working papers;
- (4) A motivation letter;
- (5) A recommendation letter of one scientific expert of the field.

### **About HEC Liege, University of Liège**

HEC Liège is the management school of the University of Liège (Uliège). It is one of Belgium's leading university business schools for graduate and postgraduate programs and the only comprehensive management school in Belgium to hold both AACSB and EQUIS accreditations. It employs more than 115 full-time faculty members and researchers and hosts over 3390 students.

The school's mission is to foster real-life education and research in economics and management for the benefit of our local community and society at large.

HEC Liège is a dynamic institution that promotes an empowering pedagogy that leads students to play a proactive part in their education and offers a dynamic and entrepreneurial research and teaching environment.

HEC Liège's international vision Liège is reflected in its many research activities, numerous partnerships with companies and universities around the world, and the increasing internationalization of its programs and faculty.

Working at HEC Liège means being part of a Business School with a truly European identity. Lying at the heart of a metropolis (3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Belgium, 1<sup>st</sup> in the French-speaking region) – easily accessible by plane and train, within less than an hour's drive from Brussels, Maastricht or Aachen and less than four hours from Paris, Frankfurt, Cologne and London, the School shares the economic and cultural effervescence of this ardent city. Liège is the third inland port in Europe and the seventh cargo airport in Europe.

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