

Job offer

Conducting stakeholder interviews to measure the impact of rewilding in the central Apennines

Deadline for application:	30/09/2024
Period:	28/10/2024 - 13/12/2024 (6,5 weeks)
Place:	Central Apennines , province of L'Aquila (Giovenco Valley, Peligna Valley and surroundings)

Objective

As interview conductors, the aim is to join the Rewilding Apennines team in the field to talk to stakeholders and collect information through questionnaires. There will be two conductors, working side by side, and both will be responsible for conducting a total of 200 interviews.

Tasks

- Participate in a training course on questionnaire objectives and interview techniques.
- Interview in Italian 100 stakeholders each (a total of 200 people) in the central Apennines (Valle del Giovenco, Valle Peligna and surroundings), using a predefined questionnaire and following the survey protocol that will be shared during the training.

Results

- - Completion of training.
- - 100 interviews conducted and as many questionnaires completed.

Timing

Training and field data collection will take place between 28 October and 13 December 2024.

Context

Rewilding Europe wants to make Europe a wilder place, with more space for wildlife and natural processes, also for the benefit of people. As a partner organisation of Rewilding Europe, we also

believe that humanity has much to gain from valuing wilderness and treating it as an essential element of a prosperous and healthy society. Our goal is to see rewilding practised on a large scale throughout Europe.

The benefits of wilderness go beyond ecological and economic factors and are not all tangible. Although efforts have been made to engage local communities and measure the broader benefits of rewilding (e.g., through specific studies on social impacts), there is a lack of systematic evaluation of whether there are positive outcomes related to rewilding, such as changing people's perceptions, beliefs and emotions towards wilderness. To address this monitoring challenge, a methodology was developed in 2023 and is entering a pilot phase in two rewilding landscapes, the Rhodope Mountains in Bulgaria and the Central Apennines in Italy. In the Italian project area, two people will be assigned to conduct 200 interviews.

Skills

- B-type driving licence.
- Degree or training in social sciences, anthropology or equivalent fields or experience in conducting stakeholder interviews.
- Knowledge of written and spoken English preferred.

Competencies

- Ability to build trust and to handle sensitive topics with care and empathy.
- Ability to meet people easily and convince them to participate in an interview.
- Flexibility and adaptability to changing circumstances and unexpected challenges in the field.
- Attention to detail and accuracy in recording data.
- Ability to work both independently and together with a team.
- Good understanding of the local context, including social, economic and environmental aspects, as well as local customs and social norms (people living in the central Apennines are preferred).
- Preferably, a good knowledge of rewilding.

Team

As part of the field data collection team, the interviewer will cooperate with Rewilding Apennines, Rewilding Europe staff and the consulting team supervising the project in the Central Apennines and Bulgaria. The consulting team will analyse the collected data and will then be responsible for data quality control. The same team will also provide training for the administration of the questionnaires.

Offer details

- Gross remuneration of 1,500€ for 6.5 weeks (payment will only be made on invoice).
- Food and travel expenses (and accommodation when necessary) covered during fieldwork.
- Opportunity to contribute to pioneering research on rewilding and its social impact.

How to apply

Applications must be sent by e-mail, accompanied by CV and covering letter in Italian, to bernice.guinel@rewilding-apennines.com, indicating “Rewilding Apennines interviews” in the subject line, no later than 30/09/2024, 17:00 CET.

Selected candidates will be contacted by 1/10/2024 and interviews will be held between 02/09/2024 and 04/10/2024.