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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF A CORUNA, (NORTHWEST OF SPAIN)
People-Environment Research Group
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Project: **ENergy TRANSitions from Coal and carbon: Effects on Societies**
(ENTRANCES)

8th Framework Programme of the EU - Horizon-2020
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The University of A Coruna (UDC), Spain, is inviting applications for a **full time post-doctoral contract of Research Associate** to undertake social research in collaboration with **Professor Ricardo Garcia-Mira** and other team members as part of the **People-Environment Research Group** at the University of A Coruna, Spain.

The work framework of this contract is the **ENTRANCES** project, which is framed under the topic "SSH aspects of the Clean-Energy Transition" and it tries to interpret the "Challenges facing the carbon intensive regions" within a multi-contextual framework: 1) the de-carbonisation policies; 2) the ongoing processes of deterritorialisation; and 3) the territorial dimension of clean energy transition.

This post offers an exciting opportunity to work with an approach to the study of coping strategies from a wide array of perspectives: A multidimensional perspective, combining different disciplinary frameworks; a comparative perspective, developing a comprehensive set of case studies; and a multilevel perspective, involving different key players at territorial, regional, national, European and global level.

The overall goal of the project is developing a theoretically-based and empirically-grounded **understanding of cross-cutting issues** related to Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) aspects (e.g. socioeconomic, socio-technical, socio-ecological, socio-cultural, socio-political and socio-psychological, and gender related aspects) **of the clean**

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energy transition in European coal and carbon-intensive regions, so as to formulate a set of recommendations able to tackle these issues.

In particular, the work will focus on:

- i. Produce a comprehensive and detailed knowledge on the SSH related aspects of the transition to clean energy as they emerge in the 13 coal and carbon-intensive regions involved in the project with particular reference to their de/re-territorialisation processes
- ii. Develop a better understanding of the differentiated problems faced by European coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition and the coping strategies they have developed so as to identify under which circumstances they are able to foster economic development and social cohesion
- iii. Co-create a set of recommendations reflecting the lessons learned from the project as well the energy related views of coal and carbon-intensive regions stakeholders

The research will adopt an in-depth case study design, involving interviews with individuals in a range of coal regions and carbon intensive areas, alongside survey data and documentary evidence

You should have a **PhD in psychology, sociology, or any other social science (or a related research area)**, along with significant previous experience of independent research and **experience in qualitative and quantitative research methods and data analysis**.

The position is an opportunity of working within a very active research group, with working meetings at European level and with an opportunity to work with an international network of researchers. The local context is a context with opportunities, according to the candidate's worth. It is also a cultural environment that develops in a region with a long history and cultural heritage of the richest in Spain, Galicia.

Please, send an email with your **Expression of Interest**, together with a **CV** to Ricardo Garcia-Mira to the following email address: ricardo.garcia.mira@udc.es

Expression of interest deadline is **29 February 2020**

Sincerely,

Professor Ricardo Garcia Mira
General Coordinator