

Post-Doc position at KIT to assess windstorm variability in Europe under recent climate conditions

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research

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The Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research (IMK) participates in the KIT Centers "Climate and Environment" and "MathSEE (Mathematics in Sciences, Engineering, and Economics)" and contributes significantly to the program "Changing Earth" of the Helmholtz Association. The department "Troposphere Research" IMK-TRO (<http://www.imk-tro.kit.edu/english/index.php>) focuses on troposphere research, climate variability and change, water cycle and trace substance budgets. The Working Group "Regional Climate and Weather Hazards" (<http://www.imk-tro.kit.edu/english/7144.php>) focusses on an integrated analysis of extreme weather and climate events, climate change, climate variability and risk assessment. This includes both fundamental and applied research. Particular attention is given to the links between the weather, climate, regionalisation and risk assessment perspectives associated with extreme events.

We have an open **2-year position for a postdoctoral candidate**.

Duties: As a Post-Doc, you will analyse the windstorm activity affecting Europe under recent climate conditions, with a special focus on decadal variability and associated impacts. With this aim, you will contribute to the creation of a windstorm catalogue for recent climate conditions (1960 - 2020) in Europe. This dataset will include both historical (Reanalysis) and GCM generated windstorms, all downscaled with the regional climate model COSMO-CLM. Top windstorms per year are selected based on impact indices (e.g., MI, SSI) and intensity metrics (MSLP, vorticity), and relevant information is stored for further evaluation. Based on this windstorm catalogue, your task is to analyse the decadal variability of windstorm frequency and intensity affecting Europe and associated impacts. The project is run in close collaboration with Impact Forecasting, the catastrophe modellers division of Aon.

Requirements: A PhD in Meteorology, Climate Science, Earth Sciences, or related disciplines. The applicant must be proficient in spoken and written English.

Additional qualifications: For this position, extensive experience with diagnostics of model data, statistics, extreme events are required. The candidate should also be experienced in scientific programming (e.g., linux, python, fortran, idl, ncl, cdo, Matlab, R). Experience in insurance sector related projects would be advantageous. German language skills are helpful but not mandatory.

The application should contain:

- A Curriculum Vitae.
- A cover letter stating your scientific interests and what motivates you to apply for this position.
- A list of scientific publications.
- Contact details (incl. email and telephone number) of two references.

The candidates will be short-listed based on the materials in the application, the top ranked candidates will be interviewed digitally and the references will be collected.

Salary: The remuneration is based on the collective agreement of the public service in the remuneration group TVL E13.

Starting date: 01-07-2021 or as otherwise agreed.

Terms and conditions of employment: The group is based on the research campus of KIT located about 10 km to the North of Karlsruhe city centre.

Scope of employment: 100%

For further information about this position please contact: Prof. Dr. Joaquim Pinto, e-mail: joaquim.pinto@kit.edu.

Please submit your application by **18 June 2021** online:

<https://www.pse.kit.edu/karriere/joboffer.php?id=86065&language=en>

The documents requested above for the application should be put together in a single PDF file and uploaded under “Complete Application Documents” in the online form.

(Note: The text on the first Website is in German language but when you click on the “apply” button, you will be forwarded to an English language online form)

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