



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER (m/f/d) — Water Scarcity and Retention in European Landscapes

EASAC @ the Austrian Academy of Sciences | 3-month freelance contract (40 hours/week) | preferred starting date: 1 January 2027 | €5,000/month (gross)

The European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to support its Working Group on [Water Scarcity and Retention in European Landscapes](#) — a major independent scientific assessment informing EU water and climate adaptation policy.

Your tasks:

You will conduct a structured review of recent (2015–2026) science-policy literature and current EU regulatory frameworks related to water scarcity, water retention, and landscape management, with a focus on identifying where robust scientific evidence exists but policy has not yet caught up. You will produce a synthesis document for use by the Working Group in drafting its report.

Alongside the literature work, you will help build and maintain relationships between the Working Group and key stakeholders, including the European Water Association, Water Europe, the European Water Academy, and the Water Resilience Stakeholder Platform.

We are looking for someone with

- A PhD awarded within the last five years in a relevant field (hydrology, water resources, environmental science, ecology, earth system science, or related)
- Demonstrated ability to synthesise scientific literature and communicate findings clearly to non-specialist audiences
- Experience at the European science-policy interface — either in advisory, consultancy, or policy engagement roles — is a strong merit
- Good written English and the ability to work independently to tight deadlines
- residency and the right to work in the EU

What we offer

- A unique opportunity to contribute to a high-profile and independent European science advisory process
- Direct engagement with a multidisciplinary working group of leading European scientists
- €5,000/month for a 3-month freelance contract (ideally starting on 1 January)
- Flexible working arrangements; the role can be performed remotely

To apply or for further information, contact:

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Please send a CV and a brief cover letter (max. one page) indicating your relevant experience by 10 November the latest.