

The research group „Geomorphology and Environmental Systems“ of Prof. Dr. Lothar Schrott (Department of Geography, University of Bonn) is looking to fill the following position as soon as possible

**Research Associate** (50 – max. 75 %; TV-L pay grade 13)

Within the **EU-project EUMA („Creating an EUropean Higher Education Network for MAster’s Programmes in Disaster Risk Management“**, funded by European Union’s Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) Research and Innovation Programme) – see more information below

for a period of 12 – 18 months.

Office: Bonn, partly remote possible

**Your tasks:**

Management of and contribution to project related issues, in particular:

- Assessment of stakeholder needs and demands of international/EU/national levels towards a new European Master Programme in Disaster Risk Management (including development of a questionnaire and analysis of the results, organisation of a Stakeholder Workshop at the University of Bonn)
- Organisation of and contribution to a Disaster Risk Reduction Winter School in Bonn (Dec 2024)
- Contribution to a textbook on Disaster Risk Reduction and other scientific publications

**Your profile:**

- Academic degree in Geography or related subject (preferably Master) with knowledge in risk analysis and management
- Structured, independent, solution-oriented work ethics with high quality standards
- Competence to work in an interdisciplinary and international team

If you are interested in this position, please send your application documents (short motivation letter and curriculum vitae) by latest March 10th 2024 and only in single a PDF file by e-mail to [euma@uni-bonn.de](mailto:euma@uni-bonn.de).

**EUMA project summary:**

Civil protection systems in Europe are confronted with an increasing number and complexity of disasters and crises due to environmental degradation, global warming, demographic, and geopolitical changes. The availability of highly qualified human resources is critical for anticipating, preparing for, managing of and recovering from crises. Providing high-level training and education for disaster managers is therefore an essential prerequisite for effective disaster risk management.

EUMA aims to reinforce and increase the capacity of individual staff members of civil protection authorities and disaster managers in the private sector. This will be achieved by establishing a network of universities and higher education institutes across Europe to develop and offer a tailor-made high-level postgraduate Master's degree programmes on disaster risk and crisis management.

EUMA will complement existing university courses and foster cooperation within the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network through a number of practical activities such as topical workshops, summer schools and dedicated scientific publications focusing on the European / international dimension of disaster risk management. Furthermore, the consortium will establish a feasibility study to map and analyse the relevant national high-level educational programmes for professionals that universities in Europe are currently offering. It will identify good practices, gaps and opportunities to improve educational offerings. It will share knowledge and advance preparedness for disaster managers and experts at the European level.

EUMA will lay the most needed foundations for the definition of reference standards and benchmarks on the subject of disaster management. These standards and benchmarks could become the backbone of common approach to the education standards for disaster management professionals. The ultimate long-term strategic goal is to put university education for disaster managers on a broader footing.

**Other project partners are:**

University of Vienna (Austria), IMT Mines Alès (France), University of Twente (UT-ITC) (The Netherlands), The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (SSSA) in Pisa (Italy), Estonian Academy of Security Sciences (EASS) (Estonia), Dublin City University (DCU) (Ireland)