

## **Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights**

### **Post of Senior Manager (Project Management) in the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights**

*Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.*

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, invites applications for the post of Senior Manager (Project Management) in the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

2.1 This appointment is subject to a probationary period of twelve (12) months.

2.2 During the probationary/trial period, appointees must successfully complete appropriate induction programmes organised by the Institute for the Public Services to be eligible for confirmation of appointment.

2.3 The salary for the post of Senior Manager (Project Management) is Salary Scale 5, which in year 2023 is €31,330.95 per annum, rising by annual increments of €640.67 up to a maximum of €35,174.97.

2.4 Appointees will also be entitled to the payment of an annual performance bonus of up to a maximum of 15% of their basic salary, subject to satisfactory performance and subject to Central Administration's policies in force from time to time.

2.5 Accepting appointment in this grade signifies that any pending applications within the Public Service are automatically considered renounced, unless the latter are applications for SAAC/ADAC positions or applications for a definite position.

2.6 Lateral applications by public officers who already hold an appointment in the same grade being advertised are allowed only if the area of specialisation of the vacancy is different to the one held by the applicant and requires a specific related qualification as an eligibility requirement, which the applicant must satisfy.

- a. Appointees within the Managerial/Officer/Practitioners streams must have served in their current post, and if appointed are to serve in this post, for a minimum of two (2) years before applying laterally. This is not applicable for promotion purposes, subject to the pertinent eligibility criteria.
- b. All other officers must be confirmed in appointment, and if appointed are to serve in this post for a minimum of two (2) years, before applying laterally. The latter condition is not applicable for promotion purposes.

2.7 It will not be possible to request a transfer before a two (2) year period from date of appointment. On the lapse of a two (2) year period, appointees may only be transferred at their own request to carry out duties elsewhere in Project Management, in accordance with established vacancies.

2.8 The result will be valid for a period of two (2) years from date of publication.

#### **Duties**

3. The job duties for the post of Senior Manager (Project Management) may be viewed in Annex A attached to this Circular.

#### **Eligibility requirements**

4.1 By the closing time and date of this call for applications, applicants must be:

- i. a. citizens of Malta; **or**

- b. citizens of other Member States of the European Union who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters of employment by virtue of EU legislation and treaty provisions dealing with the free movement of workers; **or**
- c. citizens of any other country who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters related to employment by virtue of the application to that country of EU legislation and treaty provisions dealing with the free movement of workers; **or**
- d. any other persons who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters related to employment in terms of the law or the above-mentioned EU legislation and treaty provisions, on account of their family relationship with persons mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c); **or**
- e. third country nationals who have been granted long-term resident status in Malta under regulation 4 of the "Status of Long-Term Residents (Third Country Nationals) Regulations, 2006" or who have been granted a residence permit under regulation 18(3) thereof, together with family members of such third country nationals who have been granted a residence permit under the "Family Reunification Regulations, 2007"; **or**
- f. in possession of a residence document issued in terms of the "Residence Status of United Kingdom Nationals and their Family Members in Malta in accordance with the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community Regulations".

**The advice of the Citizenship Unit within Community Malta Agency and the Expatriates Unit within Identita` should be sought as necessary in the interpretation of the above provisions.**

The appointment of candidates referred to at (b), (c), (d) and (e) above would necessitate the issue of an employment licence in so far as this is required by the Immigration Act and subsidiary legislation. Jobsplus should be consulted as necessary on this issue.

- ii. able to communicate in the Maltese and English languages;

**AND**

- iii. in possession of a recognized Masters degree at MQF Level 7 (subject to a minimum of 90 ECTS/ECVE` credits, or equivalent\*) in Project Management, or Management Studies, or European Studies, or Business Administration, or Evidence Based Management, or Accountancy, or Creativity and Innovation, or Quality Assurance Management.

\*A recognised Master's qualification with a minimum of 60 ECTS/ECVET credits is only accepted subject to an MQRIC formal Masters recognition statement being submitted with the application. A recognised Master's qualification from the University of Malta (awarded pre-2009) with less than 60 ECTS/ECVET credits is acceptable provided that it is verified by MQRIC that the workload is comparable to at least 60 ECTS/ECVE` credits.

**AND**

- iv. With five (5) years of Public Service management experience in, or any other management experience that may be considered by the Administration comparable to, Salary Scale 7, which experience must be duly sustained with relevant evidence.

**OR**

v. the incumbent who previously performed the duties of this specific role within this area in the capacity of Assistant Director, in the term which ended immediately prior to suppression of this Assistant directorship.

**Public Officers applying for this post must be confirmed in their current appointment, unless the current appointment is in a different class/career stream or in a definite position, but may apply for a lower grade/position even if not confirmed and whether in the same stream or not. Reversion to previous unconfirmed appointment is not possible.**

4.2 (i) Qualifications at a level higher than that specified above will be accepted for eligibility purposes, provided they meet any specified subject requirements.

(ii) Moreover, candidates who have not yet formally obtained any of the above-mentioned qualifications will still be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have been approved for the award of the

qualification in question.

(iii) Furthermore, candidates who are currently following a recognised programme of study at a higher MQF level than that requested above will also be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have successfully completed the necessary ECTS/ECVET credits, or equivalent, and attained the required MQF level by the closing time and date of the call for applications.

4.3 Furthermore, candidates who have not yet formally obtained the qualification specified in paragraphs 4.1 (iii) or else as indicated in paragraph 4.2 will still be considered provided that they submit evidence that they are in the final phase of their course leading to such qualification. Appointees must obtain, or be approved, for the award of such qualification by the 31st October, 2024. If this stipulated deadline for the attainment of such qualification is not met, the appointment will be, for this reason, automatically terminated.

(a) The probation period and progression entitlement (as the case may be) start to count from date of appointment.

(b) Appointees will not benefit from any allowances until attainment of, or are approved for the indicated qualifications referred to in clauses 4.1 (iii) or 4.2.

(c) Marks for additional relevant qualifications may only be awarded for qualifications attained by the closing date of the call for applications. A candidate who can provide evidence that the necessary ECTS were attained by such date may be awarded marks accordingly, i.e. the Selection Board could opt to give one of the lower marks if substantiated by an available transcript.

4.4 Applicants must be of conduct which is appropriate to the post applied for. In the case of applicants who are already in the Malta Public Service, GP 47 is to be requested by HR Unit of the ministry /department issuing the call for application from the Director responsible for HR where applicants are serving, while those applying from outside the Public Service must produce a Certificate of Conduct issued by the Criminal Records Office or other competent authority not earlier than one (1) month from the date of application and state whether they have ever been in Government Service, giving details.

4.5 Applicants must be eligible to take up their due appointment, in terms of 4.1 to 4.4 above, not only by the closing time and date of this call for applications but also on the date of appointment.

4.6 Applicants are obliged to immediately inform the Selection Board (if result has not yet been published, in which case the application should be withdrawn by the applicant) or the HR Unit within the issuing ministry / department (if result has been published) upon any change in the status of their appointment from the date of submission of their application until the closing date, or upon being called for appointment as a result, of this call for application, as the case may be. Non-observance of this instruction may lead to disciplinary action. On its part, at the start of the interview, the Selection Board will request the candidate to declare any changes in status of his/her current appointment from the date of submission of application.

4.7 Prospective applicants should note the requirement to produce MQRIC recognition statements in respect of their qualifications from MQRIC, or other designated authorities, as applicable, as per provisions applicable to this call for applications (see link below).

### **Submission of supporting documentation**

5.1 Qualifications and experience claimed must be supported by certificates/transcripts and/or testimonials, copies of which are to be scanned and sent through the Recruitment Portal <https://recruitment.gov.mt>.

5.2 Original certificates and/or testimonials are to be invariably produced for verification at the interview.

### **Selection procedure**

6.1 Eligible applicants will be assessed by a Selection Board to determine their suitability for the post. The maximum mark for this selection process is 100% and the pass mark is 50%.

6.2 Due consideration will be given to applicants who, besides the requisites indicated in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5, have proven relevant work experience .

### **Submission of applications**

7.1 Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Director Corporate Services, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, through the Online Government Recruitment Portal only on <https://recruitment.gov.mt>. Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae (which should include a list of qualifications held by applicant). Those applying from outside the Public Service must produce a Certificate of Conduct which has been issued not earlier than one (1) month from the date of application, in PDF format, which are to be uploaded through the Portal. The closing date of the receipt of applications is **17:15 hrs (Central European Time) of Tuesday 2nd January, 2024**. A computer-generated e-mail will be sent as an acknowledgement of the application. Further details concerning the submission of applications are contained in the general provisions referred to below.

7.2 It is the responsibility of the applicants not to leave until the last thirty (30) minutes for submission of their application.

7.3 Applications which are received after closing date and time (i.e. late applications) are not allowed.

7.4 Applicants are granted up to two (2) working days after closing date or up to two (2) working days from date of notification, whichever is the latest, to submit any incorrect or incomplete or missing documents .

### **Other general provisions**

8. Other general provisions concerning this call for applications, with particular reference to:

- applicable benefits, conditions and rules/regulations;
- reasonable accommodation for registered persons with disability;
- submission of recognition statements in respect of qualifications;
- publication of the result;
- medical examination;
- the process for the submission of petitions concerning the result;
- access to application forms and related details;
- retention of documents,

may be viewed by accessing the website of the People & Standards Division <https://recruitmentintra.gov.mt/generalprovisions/GeneralProvisionsEN.pdf> or may be obtained from the Assistant Director (People Management), Corporate Services Directorate, Agriculture Research and Innovation Hub, Ingiered Road, Luqa, LQA 3300. These general provisions are to be regarded as an integral part of this call for applications.

The website address and email address of the receiving Directorate are <http://agrikoltura.gov.mt> and [humanresources.mafa@gov.mt](mailto:humanresources.mafa@gov.mt).