

Dear Colleagues in the EASSW executive Committee,

Kindly help us to spread out this call in your relevant national networks and international networks.

We are happy to inform you, that – to our knowledge for the first time – we have been successful in applying European Commission funding for Innovative Training Network explicitly situated in the field of Social Work. Innovative Training Networks are a MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTION within the EU Horizon 2020 research.

The project is called “ASTRA” - Applying Sustainability Transition Research in Social Work tackling Major Societal Challenge of Social Inclusion. In this project we have now the opportunity to publish a call for 15 genuine full-time job vacancies with three years contracts at 9 universities and research organisations in different European countries. The early stage researchers will be supervised to conduct research projects and will complete an outstanding PhD training in the field of Social Work.

The Early stage researchers' positions are open for applicants with Master's Degree in the field of Social Work from throughout the world.

In order to give as many young researchers as possible the opportunity to apply we ask you to disseminate the following call for applications (see below) in your networks and mailing lists.

Best

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Marie-Skłodowska-Curie European Innovative Training Network *ASTRA* offers 15 Early Stage Researcher Positions in the Field of Social Work

The consortium of the Marie-Skłodowska-Curie European Innovative Training Network *Applying Sustainability Transition Research in Social Work tackling Major Societal Challenge of Social Inclusion* – ASTRA – opens a call for 15 Early Stage Researchers (ESR) for three-year positions.

The ASTRA research project applies approaches grounded in principles of Transdisciplinary Sustainability Transition Research to identify and support policies and practices to tackle the major societal challenges faced in Social Work. The research

programme aims to develop new sustainability-oriented methods of Social Work with a specific focus on the social inclusion of young people facing precariousness, people with a migration background and vulnerable local communities in Europe.

The ASTRA consortium is a unique European-wide research network bridging the research domains of Social Work and Sustainability, consisting of seven university-based leaders in sustainability research in Social Work, two leading non-university organisations with similar interests in transdisciplinary sustainability research, and eight excellent partner organisations including prominent NGOs and social economy enterprises.

The main objective of the learning opportunities offered by ASTRA is to prepare a new generation of creative and open-minded young researchers of social work, who will be able to creatively address the major challenges faced by social work and its service users by using the perspective of sustainable transitions; and who will contribute to transformative knowledge, cross-sectoral policies and multi-agency practices of a similar nature.

ASTRA calls for applications for fifteen Early Stage Researcher (ESR) three year fixed-term positions beginning April 2021, based with members of the ASTRA consortium. ASTRA is part of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Innovative Training Networks (ITN).

Interested Early Stage Researchers from the field of Social Work may enquire about the project and apply for the positions at

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