

Job title:	Mire Ecologist
Employer:	BirdLife Belarus (APB)
Location:	Minsk (for at least one year)
Salary range:	up to £35k + living and travel expenses and social security package
Duration:	Full time. Contract terminates after the successful completion of work, or three years whichever is earlier.
Languages:	Working language of the project will be English. Post-holder will have working knowledge of German, a professional background linked to Germany and be open to working in Russian.

Background and Job Purpose:

Birdlife Belarus is the largest non-government organization (NGO) in Belarus. We are seeking a Mire Ecologist to work as a team leader to assess the impact on biodiversity from a peatland restoration process. You will work with Belarusian scientists and a Green-House Gas specialist to identify peatland sites within the 260,000ha of degraded peatlands, where re-wetting offers the most potential for low cost solutions to avoid emissions of greenhouse gases. You will devise and deploy a system for biological monitoring to compare pre- and post re-wetted sites. Where necessary, you will advise on additional measures or changes in management to help increase biodiversity values whilst avoiding further emissions. The position will also involve literature research; capacity building to train Belarusians in site-based monitoring; networking with Belarusian and International academics working on biodiversity conservation in peatlands; and the publication of results in peer-reviewed scientific literature.

Experience:

A Masters degree in a relevant field such as environmental science or Geography is essential, along with a good contacts network with scientists in the same fields or related disciplines in Europe and in particular in the NIS (Newly Independent State) countries. You will also have previously worked as a scientist and perhaps as a team leader with at least three years experience of work in a number of the NIS countries.

Application procedure:

A CV with a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position should be sent to Wolfgang Dick (see below).

Closing date for applications is: **Friday 15th February 2008.**

Interviews will be held **w/c Monday 3rd March 2008.** Contract will begin as soon as possible

Further information:

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