



The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute that prepares expert opinions and reports on issues of food, feed and chemical safety and consumer health protection in Germany on the basis of internationally recognised scientific assessment criteria. In these areas, it advises the Federal Government as well as other institutions and interest groups. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely related to its assessment tasks. It is a legally responsible institution in the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

The following position is available in the International Affairs Unit of the BfR from 01.01.2022 or earlier for a limited period until 31.12.2025:

Project manager for the development of official structures in the field of food safety in Tunisia (f/m/d)

Reference number: 2870/2021 | until Remuneration group 15 TVöD

For the duration of the project employment of German civil servants is possible by way of secondment up to grade A15.

Tunisia passed a new food law in 2019 that provides for the establishment of effective risk analysis structures. In a five-year project, BfR and the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) are supporting the Tunisian food safety authorities in improving consumer health protection. As project manager, you will be responsible for the implementation and effectiveness of the project and shape the project activities in various areas such as policy advice, organisational development and training. You will communicate daily in German, French and English and work closely with experts from the institutions and the project staff working at the BfR and BVL. Furthermore, you will take on leadership responsibility for the team of six in Tunisia and manage the project office in Tunis. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

In detail, the tasks include:

- Strategic, technical and administrative management of the project in close cooperation with the project team and the project partners; coordination with BfR and BVL
- Management and development of the Tunisian project team as well as deployment planning and guidance of short-term experts and consultants
- Representation of the project in Tunisia
- Policy, organisational and technical advice to Tunisian partners
- Expansion of political, professional and institutional networks in the field of risk analysis, establishment and maintenance of national and international cooperation's that fall within the scope of this project.
- Further development of project activities, elaboration and implementation support of Tunisian reform milestones for risk analysis in cooperation with project team and project partners
- Responsibility for budget planning and reporting, proper budget and fund utilisation as well as tendering and controlling of consultancy services

- Ensuring the implementation and realisation of quality-assured processes in all project areas
- Ensuring the achievement of objectives, smooth work processes as well as impact-oriented monitoring and overall reporting

Requirements:

Your profile

- Completed university studies in the natural sciences (master's degree, diploma or comparable university degree) in veterinary medicine, human medicine, nutrition and food sciences, agricultural sciences or a comparable subject, doctorate desirable
- Relevant, long-term professional experience in the field of food safety, public veterinary services, agriculture, food security, value chains or vocational training in the agri-food sector

This is what we expect from you:

- Several years of experience abroad, preferably in North Africa
- Experience in the independent management and implementation of multi-year projects
- Several years of experience in working with national and international institutions.
- Excellent organisational as well as financial management skills
- Experience and proven competence in leading international and/or multidisciplinary teams
- Intercultural competence, communication and cooperation competence in the team as well as with external partners
- Distinct strategic, analytical and conceptual skills, very good expression and presentation skills
- Strong conflict and problem-solving skills
- Conscientious way of working, flexibility, ability to work under pressure
- Very good language skills in German, English and French, both written and spoken (comparable to level B2 to C2 GeB). One of the languages should be spoken at C2 level.
- Willingness to travel on business in Tunisia and Germany

Ideally you bring with you:

- Professional experience in the field of food safety with a German federal or state authority, a national authority in an EU member state or with an EU authority.
- Experience with policy advice and organisational development

Our offer:

- Foreign allowances
- Flexible working hours without core working hours
- 30 days holiday (5-day week)
- Possibilities of mobile working
- Extensive further training opportunities
- VBL company pension
- Capital-forming benefits

The places of employment are Tunis (Tunisia) and Berlin (Germany). The main duty station is negotiable on an individual basis. At least one third of the working time is spent on site in Tunisia.

Application procedure:

The application procedure is multi-stage. Before the first interview, candidates receive a written assignment and take part in an online potential analysis. The first online interviews are expected to take place on September 16 or 17, 2021. Candidates who successfully complete the initial interviews will be invited to a further personal interview in Berlin (probably on September 24 or 28, 2021).

Have we sparked your interest?

Then submit your application documents in **German** or **English** via our online system by **August 31, 2021**:

[Apply online](#)

Please address any questions in connection with the application procedure to: bewerbung@bfr.bund.de

- Please do not send applications to this e-mail address -

If you are unable to apply online, we refer you to the following route

the postal application stating the respective reference number

[Federal Institute for Risk Assessment](#)

Human Resources Unit - 11.17 -

Max-Dohrn-Str. 8-10

10589 Berlin

We invite you to send us your questions about the job if you are interested in the position:

Dr Gollnick **Tel.: 030 18412-34000**; nicole.gollnick@bfr.bund.de

The BfR welcomes applications from people of all nationalities.

As an innovative scientific institution, BfR offers family-friendly working conditions. For this, the BfR was awarded the "audit berufundfamilie®" certificate. The BfR guarantees professional equality for women and men. Severely disabled people are given special consideration if they are equally qualified.

