

VACANCY

Agroeconomist / Rural Finance Expert

Profile

Microfinanza is looking for a professional with academic training and experience in agricultural economics, rural economics or agroeconomics, with solid expertise in agricultural development and the sustainable management of natural resources. The position is part of new initiatives focused on rural finance and the strengthening of agricultural enterprises, particularly in the fruit-growing and horticultural sectors. The selected specialist will work with the team in conducting feasibility studies, designing new interventions, and managing the technical and financial components of ongoing activities. He/she will contribute to supporting agricultural investments, analysing business models, and integrating climate-smart approaches. He/she will also be responsible for field monitoring, preparing narrative and financial reports, and ensuring compliance with internal procedures. The expert will be based in Northern Italy, with missions abroad in the Mediterranean region and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Professional Requirements

- Degree or Master's in Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Sciences, Development Economics, Environmental Sciences or related disciplines.
- At least 5–8 years of experience in the agricultural and rural sector, preferably with a focus on arboriculture, horticulture or agribusiness.
- Operational knowledge of agricultural production systems, fruit/vegetable value chains and sustainable soil and water management practices.
- Skills in analysing the impacts of climate change on the agricultural sector and in defining adaptation and mitigation measures.
- Experience providing technical and economic support to MSMEs, cooperatives, or agricultural enterprises.
- Previous experience in MED countries or Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Knowledge of main rural finance instruments and innovative investment models for the agricultural sector.

Required Skills

- Excellent command of English and French, both written and spoken.
- Ability to work in teams and multicultural environments.
- Strong planning and work-management skills under pressure.
- Analytical precision, autonomy, initiative and attention to methodological rigor.
- Excellent writing skills (technical reports, project documents).

Applications must include an updated CV and a motivation letter in French.

Applications should be sent to: project@microfinanza.com

Only complete applications will be considered. Interviews will be held in French and in English.

Deadline to submit applications: 10 December 2025, 6:00 PM.



Contract start date: to be agreed

Duration: 6 months, renewable

Duty station: Northern Italy, MENA region, availability for missions in MED and Sub-Saharan Africa

Languages: French, English

Organization overview: Microfinanza Srl is an Italian limited liability company that provides high-quality services and technical support to the microfinance sector worldwide. Its mission is to promote financial inclusion by offering expertise and innovative solutions to financial operators and by strengthening the financial capabilities of various target groups, such as young entrepreneurs, migrants and refugees. Microfinanza is engaged in financial inclusion projects focused on access to credit, involving financial service providers, microfinance operators, SMEs, cooperatives, associations, migrants, refugees, young entrepreneurs, household women and vulnerable individuals excluded from access to finance. Projects are implemented at national and international levels. Main areas of intervention include: monitoring and evaluation of programs and projects, financial education, technical cooperation, fund management, design and management of innovative financial schemes, impact assessment, sustainable finance for social inclusion and rural microfinance.

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