Master's Thesis Opportunity: Impact and Policy Analysis

Project Title: SUFFICIENT—Sustainable Fungal Production of Biostimulant Fertilizers and Feed Oils from Biowastes

Background:

The SUFFICIENT project leverages cutting-edge biotechnological approaches to transform biowastes from urban and aquacultural sources into high-value products that support sustainable agriculture. This project not only addresses the recycling of biowastes but also promotes the production of renewable resources, contributing to a reduction in environmental impact.

Work Package: WP5 - Sustainability and Policy Environment

Task: 5.3 - Policy Impact Assessment

Location: Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO), Ås, Norway

Duration: 2025-2028

Languages: English and Norwegian

Consortium Partners: Norges Miljø- og Biovitenskapelige Universitet (NMBU), Greentech Innovators AS, Woolero AS, Cermaq Norway AS, Trøndelag Fylkeskommune, Terramarine AS

Focus: Assess the impact of policies on the deployment and scale-up of biostimulant fertilizers and feed oils. Identify policy gaps and propose recommendations for policy enhancements to support sustainable agricultural and industrial practices.

Objectives:

- Review current policies, engage with policymakers, and analyze the impact of existing regulatory frameworks on the innovation and use of fungal-based products.
- Develop policy briefs and recommendations.

Your Role:

- Conduct policy reviews.
- Participate in stakeholder meetings and consortium gatherings.
- Contribute to policy briefs and reports.

Desired Qualifications:

- Enrollment in a Master's program related to Environmental Science, Policy Analysis, Sustainability Studies, Bioeconomy, or a related field.
- Strong analytical skills with experience in qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Benefits:

- Collaborate with a broad consortium of industry and academic partners.
- Engage in high-impact research with direct policy implications.
- Funding available for research activities.

Application Process: Submit a cover letter, CV, and a brief proposal. Applications to be sent to Divina Gracia P. Rodriguez, divina.rodriguez@nibio.no.