

Call for Applications

RC LACE – Regional Cooperation for Limited Area modelling in Central Europe, is recruiting the position for Area Leader for upper air and surface data assimilation. Candidate is searched:

Area Leader for upper air and surface data assimilation, three-quarter-time position

This position is recruiting from RC LACE Members only. More information about the RC LACE project can be obtained at www.rlace.eu. The description of work for the position is annexed to this document and it is part of LACE MoU VI that takes effect from 1st of January 2026.

The duration of the position is till 31st December 2030, the starting and the ending date to be agreed with the chosen candidate. The compensation package for the successful candidate contains a salary supplement or prime on top of the existing salary provided by the host institute.

Applications, including a letter of motivation and a CV with a list of publications, should be sent via e-mail to RC LACE Council President Libor Černíkovský at e-mail: libor.cernikovsky@chmi.cz until the 6th October 2025, with a copy to RC LACE Steering Committee chairperson Gabriella Szepszo at e-mail szepszo.g@met.hu.

Application has to be co-signed by the director of NM(H)S where the applicant is employed.

Decisions on the application will be taken by the LACE Council, the candidates will be notified about their bid latest at the beginning of November 2025.

Any further information can be obtained through email from RC LACE Council President Libor Černíkovský, RC LACE Steering Committee chairperson Gabriella Szepszo or LACE Program Manager at e-mail tudor@cirrus.dhz.hr.

RC LACE Area Leaders

The duties of the Area Leader include organizing and leading RC LACE Projects, and coordinate research and development work not bound to Projects. The detailed terms of reference for this position are listed below.

The position is a three-quarter-time position. The salary supplement or prime is (currently) 8700€ annually on top of the existing salary provided by the host institute. The successful candidate will have experience in the field of NWP, and be able to perform and lead independent research.

Terms of References for Area Leader

The RC LACE Area Leader (AL) is a three-quarter-time position unless stated otherwise in the contract. AL acts under the responsibility of the PM. The duties of AL are:

- AL is responsible for the preparation of the Scientific Plan together with the Programme Manager.
- AL designs, organizes and leads research activities that belong to the designated area.
- AL is responsible for coordinating the scientific work belonging to his/her area of research, for supervision of the RC LACE scientists work on associated topics and performs a scientific surveillance of relevant issues in order to accomplish the Scientific Plan and contribute to its future evolution.
- AL organizes the individual and group research stays or working days/week (together with the Programme Manager).
- AL collects ideas and proposes Projects and defines scientific, technical and organisational background for the Projects.
- AL presents the progress reports on the tasks to the RC LACE Steering Committee.
- AL can be responsible for one or several Projects at the same time.
- AL can lead Projects and coordinate the dedicated manpower and other means necessary for the Projects fulfillment.
- Together with the PM, AL plans and coordinates Project operational deliverables.
- AL ensures the implementation of the relevant research developments to the ACCORDSystem in coordination with the System and Code Coordinator.
- AL participates in inter-consortia coordination activities.
- AL can deputise RC LACE PM during the short time period, upon PM or RC LACE President request, approved by RC LACE President.
- AL may transfer a part of the responsibilities for certain research activities in the designated area to a Project Leader if approved by LSC and Council.
- AL can also execute duties of the equivalent AL in the ACCORD Consortium if there is an overlap of duties.