



# Job vacancy :

## ACTRIS ERIC Director General

- Job Title: ACTRIS ERIC Director General
- Location: ACTRIS ERIC Head Office in Kumpula, Helsinki, Finland
- Job Position: Full-time, five-year term with a possible extension of another five years
- Employer: ACTRIS ERIC, Helsinki, Finland
- Working Language: English
- Salary rate: ~10.000 euros per month

### Brief description of ACTRIS ERIC

The Aerosol, Clouds and Trace Gases Research Infrastructure (ACTRIS), is a pan-European research infrastructure. The goal of ACTRIS is to produce high-quality integrated datasets in the area of atmospheric sciences and provide services, including access to instrumented platforms tailored for scientific and technological usage.

The principal task of ACTRIS ERIC is to establish and operate the distributed research infrastructure and coordinate the strategic and financial development and long-term operation of ACTRIS.

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ACTRIS ERIC, established on April 25th 2023, is the legal entity of ACTRIS, which coordinates and facilitates the establishment and operations of ACTRIS.

Website: [www.actris.eu](http://www.actris.eu)





# Appointment

**The first Director General for ACTRIS ERIC, reporting to the General Assembly as well as leading and managing ACTRIS as a distributed research infrastructure.**

The Director General (DG) develops and directs the ACTRIS strategy and operations and leads the technical implementation of ACTRIS. The DG maintains mutual trust and supports the integration of member and observer countries into ACTRIS. The DG ensures that the scientific and strategic development of ACTRIS meets the expectations on socio-economic impact, technology development and innovation.

The DG, who is in charge of managing the ACTRIS ERIC staff and activities, is responsible for the implementation of the decisions by the General Assembly and represents ACTRIS ERIC in any litigation.

## Detailed role description

- Develop strategy, management plan and project contributions in consultation with the ACTRIS bodies.
- Establish appropriate systems to measure and monitor the status, development, impact, and effectiveness of ACTRIS.
- Lead the discussions with ACTRIS ERIC members and observers on long-term budgets and oversee effective management of financial budgets.
- Be the voice of ACTRIS at the European and international levels.
- Oversee that links with industry are maintained, helping ACTRIS to establish a range of innovative, collaborative projects, satisfying industry needs and encouraging financial investment in ACTRIS.
- Support the pan-European fundraising efforts for ACTRIS by coordinating and contributing to European projects.





# Person specification

**The successful candidate should demonstrate capability in the following areas:**

## **a) Scientific and technical knowledge**

- Renowned atmospheric scientist with strong experience in aerosol and/or clouds and/or trace gases research and observations.
- Solid understanding of atmospheric data, processes, products and services for users in science, meteorological services, environmental protection agencies, industry, politics and society.

## **b) Leadership**

- Ability to set out a long-term vision for an international organisation and the means for its achievement.
- Capability to build and maintain consensus and to work with others to make difficult decisions and achieve robust and sustainable outcomes.

## **c) Organisation and management skills**

- Experience in leading large and complex projects in international settings.
- Experience in managing organisation, budget, and personnel at senior level.
- Capability to motivate co-workers and achieve high team commitment.
- Ability to delegate tasks and areas of responsibility to co-workers.
- Experience in operating at a multination level and dealing with international institutions and funding agencies, in particular, the European Commission.

## **d) Communication and negotiation skills**

- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to negotiate in complex and demanding situations.

## **Other requirements**

- International traveling readiness.
- The working language of ACTRIS is English, so fluent of both spoken and written English is required, preferably with knowledge of at least one other European language.





# Appointment process and how to apply



Applications should be addressed to the Chairperson of the ACTRIS ERIC General Assembly, Jean-Marie Flaud, and submitted via email to [pirjo.kontkanen@helsinki.fi](mailto:pirjo.kontkanen@helsinki.fi) as a single pdf file, including:

- A motivation letter explaining the applicant's interest in the position and how the applicant could contribute to the ACTRIS ERIC and the RI.
- Curriculum Vitae of the applicant.
- Names and contact details of persons willing to write a letter of reference, if requested.
- List of relevant scientific publications.
- Maximum 2-page vision statement of where ACTRIS will be in 10 years.

When submitting the application, please use the following subject in your email: "Application for the ACTRIS ERIC Director General position".

**Application start date (CET): 1st November 2023.**

**Application deadline (CET): 15th January 2024.**

The first round of selection shall be done based on the written application, vision statement, and the attached CV. Longlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

It is estimated that the Director General will be selected by June 2024.

The chosen person should start after that.

Any specific inquiries about this job vacancy should be sent via email to:

[Jean-marie.flaud@recherche.gouv.fr](mailto:Jean-marie.flaud@recherche.gouv.fr)

