

Young EPIZONE Coordinator Recruitment Call

An Exciting Leadership Opportunity for Early-Career Scientists

Are you an ambitious early-career researcher passionate about building community and fostering collaboration among young scientists? EPIZONE is seeking dynamic candidates to lead our Young EPIZONE initiative—a unique opportunity to shape the future of our European research consortium while developing your own leadership skills.

About EPIZONE

EPIZONE is an international network of veterinary research institutes working on epizootic animal diseases. For more information visit our website <https://epizone-eu.net/>.

The Young EPIZONE Coordinator Role

We are looking for an enthusiastic, organized, and people-oriented researcher to take the task of Young EPIZONE coordinator for a 2–3 year term. This leadership role offers the perfect balance of responsibility and support—coordinators work under the supervision of the EPIZONE coordinator (Matthijn de Boer) and alongside their predecessor for the first year and, ensuring a smooth transition and continuity of vision.

Your Mission:

- Establish a strategic vision for Young EPIZONE for the coming years
- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of the needs, expectations, and aspirations of young researchers across the consortium
- Collaborate with local organizers to plan and execute engaging Young EPIZONE meetings (held as half-day events during the EPIZONE annual meeting)
- Build an inclusive, supportive community where early-career scientists can connect, share ideas, and grow professionally

Who Are We Looking For?

Your Profile:

- Currently employed at or working within an EPIZONE member institute (commitment to continue for the next 2 years)
- Meet EPIZONE's criteria for early-career researchers:
 - PhD student
 - Postdoctoral researcher
 - Early-career scientist within 5 years of obtaining your PhD
- Natural networker with genuine enthusiasm for bringing people together
- Demonstrated (any) organizational skills
- Proactive, communicative, and committed to fostering collaboration
- Vision for how Young EPIZONE can evolve and thrive

What We Offer

- A unique leadership development opportunity early in your career
- The chance to shape the strategy within Young EPIZONE
- A supportive network of peers and mentors across Europe
- Overlapping period with the outgoing coordinator to ensure your success
- Recognition and visibility within the broader scientific community
- In consultation with the coordinator, a submission for financial compensation (hours/expenses) can be made. Travel and overnight stay expenses for the EPIZONE meeting is 100% funded.

How to Apply

We welcome applications from researchers across all EPIZONE member institutes. To apply, please submit the following materials to : epizone.bvr@wur.nl

1. **Motivational Letter** – Tell us why you are excited about this role and why you believe you are an exceptional candidate to lead Young EPIZONE. *Notify in the letter when you use AI assistants to formulate your letter.*
2. **Short Curriculum Vitae** – A concise summary of your background, experience, and key achievements on maximum of one page.
3. **Introduction Video** – Record a brief video (maximum 90 seconds) introducing yourself and sharing your vision for Young EPIZONE
(if the file is too large for emailing, you can send it via WhatsApp to +31614323268 (Manon Swanenburg))

Application Deadline: 13th of February 2026.

The new candidate will be announced before the 27th of February 2026. The EPIZONE EC and CF members will designate the candidate based on the letter and video.

Questions?

If you have questions about the role or the application process, please send an email to Manon Swanenburg, epizone.bvr@wur.nl.

We look forward to hearing from you and discovering the next leader of Young EPIZONE!

This is your opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the early-career research community in Europe. If you feel ready to take on this exciting challenge, we encourage you to apply.