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In this special edition of Environmental Research and Technology, we are pleased to introduce the ECO-SPHERE postdoctoral fellowship programme, an interdisciplinary research initiative dedicated to promoting sustainability and circular economies. Funded by the European Union under the renowned Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) COFUND program agreement No. 101126655, and The Scientific and Technological Research Institution of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), ECO-SPHERE was designed to foster cutting edge research and work collaboratively to address global environmental challenges.

The program is coordinated by Yildiz Technical University, with Dokuz Eylul University, as the implementing partner. As two of Türkiye's most prestigious educational institutions, they offer dynamic environments that permit comprehensive training and mentorship opportunities, in addition to their rich educational and industrial partnerships.

ECO-SPHERE stands for "Circular Economy for the Sustainable Earth Spheres - Geosphere, Biosphere, Hydrosphere & Atmosphere". This five-year framework, under two separate calls, will bring together 12 leading researchers each, in which they will conduct research over the course of 24 months.

Our wide range of domains include but are not limited to: Energy, Water and/or Wastewater Management, Material Recovery, Waste Management, Economic and Environmental Policy, Policy Instruments for Circular Economy, Structural Health Monitoring of Structures, Business Models, Bioeconomy, Digitalisation, Decision Making, Eco-Design, Technological Change, and Climate Change.

As you engage in the findings and research presented in this special edition, we invite you to apply and join our team and mission in Researching for a Sustainable Future.

Thank you for your interest in ECO-SPHERE. You can find detailed information at https://ecosphere-msca.org.tr. Sincerely,

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