

Job title: Officer 'Blue and Green Infrastructures'

Start date: 01 April 2020 (or earlier)

Duration: 24 months with a view to extension

Deadline for application: 31 January 2020

ICLEI, European Secretariat, based in Freiburg, Germany provides its members with a voice on the European and international stage, a platform to connect with peers, and tools to drive positive environmental, economic and social change. ICLEI's member cities drive innovation by pioneering the development and application of new processes, instruments, methods and tools for local sustainability and promote integrated and cyclical management and governance of all sustainability related policy areas. Through our collective efforts, we impact more than 25 percent of the global urban population. We are a growing organisation that offers exciting opportunities, with a competitive salary, staff appreciation days and recognises the effort and achievement of all its employees.

We offer the position of **Officer Blue and Green Infrastructures** within its **Sustainable Resources, Climate & Resilience team**: We've been at the forefront of the sustainable urban development with a view to managing natural resources for more than 20 years with strong experiences in topics such as climate mitigation and sustainable energy, climate adaptation and urban resilience, integrated water management, biodiversity and green infrastructures. In recent years our work has expanded to cover the topics of blue and green infrastructures with a particular emphasis on integrated water management in general and blue and green infrastructures to enhance urban resilience. Our work supports local governments in developing, piloting, and implementing new approaches supporting urban transformation towards sustainability as well as raising awareness, capacity building and encouraging policy developments at the European and international level. We are looking for a person with experience of integrated water and wetland management, and blue and green infrastructures to complement the team's existing expertise.

Tasks and responsibilities:

- Develop and implement international and European initiatives and projects that support public authorities wanting to implement
- Proactively support to Sustainable Resources Climate & Resilience Team for achieving goals related to the topical area
- Conceptually develop and implement defined tasks or work-packages within projects and services, communication with partners, preparation and implementation of products and deliverables (incl. meetings and workshops, development of training curricula and materials, guidelines and handbooks), dissemination, and reporting
- Undertake research, write guidance and develop case studies that improve knowledge and skills in public sector on aspects related to related to build urban infrastructure and sustainable and efficient energy solutions
- Support coordination of small and medium-sized projects and services in close cooperation with line-management
- Promote and demonstrate the value of integrated water management and blue and green infrastructure solutions and through internal and external communication channels
- Support the European and – if needed – international advocacy work and create collaboration opportunities with external organisations on the topics of integrated water management and blue and green infrastructures at a European and international level

- Design creative workshops and conferences that encourage people to participate, learn and network
- Identify funding opportunities and write project proposals
- Represent ICLEI at events and undertake presentations
- Regularly report to line management (Coordinator/Programme Director) including work progress and project implementation in light of project goals, timeframe and budget

Skills and qualifications:

Essential:

- A degree in a relevant subject such as environmental or water engineering, environmental or sustainability management, integrated water management, particularly within urban context
- A minimum of 2 years relevant work experience
- Experience in the application of integrated water management, in particular blue and green infrastructures
- Interest and ability to work on a variety of topics linked to environment, water, blue and green infrastructures including climate adaptation and resilience, zero pollution, circular economy, biodiversity and nature in urban areas
- Ability to be well organised, prioritise tasks and produce good quality work within tight time constraints
- Ability to work in a team and independently
- Team player with competence in conflict resolution, pro-active working style, ability to work self-organised within a complex working environment
- Excellent command of English and at least one further European language (orally, read and in writing)
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with a wide range of external organisations
- Confident user of all Microsoft Office applications

Desirable:

- Experience of working with local governments and especially in urban development and planning
- Experience of assessing business models, technologies, regulative frameworks, monitoring schemes and stakeholder partnerships within urban development projects
- Experience of working on international and European projects
- Experience in developing and implementing interactive training and capacity development activities (particularly for and with local governments), including visualisation and facilitation
- Up-to date knowledge of legislation including EU regulations and international conventions related to environmental objectives, in particular climate, water, soil, biodiversity & nature, zero pollution
- Up-to-date knowledge of relevant EU policies and strategies related to integrated urban water management, blue and green infrastructures, urban environment, digitisation
- Experience in advocacy and policy processes, if possible in European contexts

Conditions:

- 24 months (with a view to extension)
- Corridor contract 80-100% of a full time position with a gross salary according to 'Officer (regular) in ICLEI's salary grid (indicative: 43.200 € to 44.400 € per annum for 100%)
- Place of work: ICLEI European Secretariat, Freiburg, Germany
- Workings hours: 40 h/week, six weeks of paid leave per annum
- Working language: English
- Readiness for frequent travel
- Applicants must – due to legal reasons – hold EU citizenship or valid EU residence permit and a valid German work permit. Applications not meeting these conditions can unfortunately not be considered

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Please apply in writing, including a CV and letter of motivation to:

jobs.europe@iclei.org

Be aware that applications are reviewed continuously upon arrival; therefore application as soon as possible is advisable.

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www.iclei-europe.org

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