



Job title: Officer Sustainable Food Systems
ICLEI Europe 'Food Cluster', Global Food Programme,
ICLEI European Secretariat Freiburg, Germany

Start date: 1 November 2021

Duration: Initial contract period 12 months – extension intended

Deadline for application: 30 September 2021

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ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global and European network working with more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, ICLEI influences sustainability policy and drives local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development. It has 17 offices servicing its members while developing innovative projects and events and is an international not-for-profit association and network perceived as the international representative of cities for sustainability.

ICLEI's European Secretariat is based in Freiburg (Germany), with specialized offices in Brussels and Berlin, and more than 100 staff from all over Europe and beyond, covering a broad variety of professional disciplines.

ICLEI Europe is looking for a **Food Expert** who has a profound knowledge of sustainable food systems and a record on project work in relevant fields.

Tasks and responsibilities:

- Undertake effective liaison and relationship building and pro-actively develop and maintain partnerships and joint working with a variety of organisations, institutions and partners on the sustainable food topic within the Global Food Programme.
- Increase the visibility, strategic influence and create relevant political and strategic opportunities for ICLEI in the sustainable food field in Europe and beyond.
- Support European and international project work tasks (workshops, events, research, case studies) related to sustainable urban food systems – with a focus on food waste, public procurement, school nutrition and behavioural change.
- In co-operation with the line manager(s) implement defined work packages and tasks within one or several international projects, including the preparation, updating and monitoring of the work plan, and support reporting, defining project progress, problems and solutions.
- Through European projects support and empower cities and other public authorities in developing sustainable food concepts and approaches and in transforming their city region food system.
- Facilitate networking, knowledge sharing, collaboration and best practice exchange between cities and other actors.
- Develop ICLEI's knowledge and work in the field of sustainable food, building on projects, events and strategic partnerships.
- Undertake research and prepare reports, case studies and guidance, on the topics of sustainable food, and where needed provide training and support services on sustainable food.



- Represent ICLEI at relevant events, and help develop strategic relationships with relevant external organisations on the topic of sustainable food.
- Design creative workshops and events that encourage people to participate, learn and network.
- Identify funding opportunities and write project proposals related to sustainable food and local governments.

Skills and qualifications:

Essential:

- A degree in a relevant subject such as Environmental Sciences, International Development, Law, Natural Resource Management, Health/Nutrition or similar. A master degree or studies related to sustainable food systems are an asset.
- A minimum of three years' work experience, relevant to the application of sustainable food systems in the public sector.
- Deeper knowledge of sustainable food systems, and the relevance and influence of local governments in driving the sustainable food transition. A specific knowledge or work experience in the field of food waste, school nutrition, behavioural change and/or sustainable, healthy food environments is an asset.
- Professional experience: Understanding of European and UN Institutions; understanding of European and UN policy (e.g. topics such as sustainable urban development, climate change, public health, agriculture, community engagement, food) as well as on key issues for sustainable development at the local government level. Proven record of working closely with EC services is an asset.
- Communication and organisational skills: High communicative competence (orally and in writing); strong presentation/public speaking skills; team player with a very pro-active working style; ability to work self-organised within a complex working environment; confidence in communicating with partners from different backgrounds and cultures; project management skills; ability to organise meetings and workshops.
- Experience of working on international and/or European projects.
- Languages: Excellent command of English (orally and in writing); any additional language (written and oral command) is an asset.
- Computing: Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), and basic skills in InDesign, Photoshop and website content management are an asset.
- Interest and ability to work on a variety of topics linked to sustainable and healthy food in a European and global framework.
- Ability to be well organised, prioritise tasks and produce good quality work within tight time constraints.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with a wide range of external organisations of different socio-cultural backgrounds.
- Confident user of all Microsoft Office applications.

Desirable:

- Advanced knowledge and practical experiences in any food-related areas (e.g. health, nutrition, agriculture, food processing) will be an advantage.
- Knowledge or practical experience in sustainable public procurement.
- Expertise on behavioural change related to food and diets.
- Experience with a local Food Policy Council or any other community-driven food initiative.
- Passion for different food cultures.



Conditions:

- Limited contract, duration 12 months, extension intended;
- Corridor contract 80-100% of a full time position with a gross salary according to 'Officer' in ICLEI's salary grid (indicative: 44.400 € to 47.400 € per annum for 100%);
- Place of work: ICLEI European Secretariat – Freiburg, Germany;
- Working hours: 40 h/week, six weeks of paid leave per annum;
- Working language: English;
- Readiness for travel;
- Applicants must – due to legal reasons – hold EU citizenship or valid EU residence permit and a valid German or EU 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.

For more information about ICLEI visit:
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ICLEI Europe's Equal Opportunity and Employment Policy

ICLEI Europe's hiring policy is geared to ensure that the organisation hires employees without regard to their race, colour, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, sex, marital status, socio-economic background or sexual orientation. ICLEI's policy is that applicants for employment and career progression are considered solely on the basis of their qualifications and competencies.

