Expert: Urban Sustainability Management

Start date: 01 October 2023
Duration: 24 months (extension intended)
Location: Freiburg, Germany
Deadline for application: 21 August 2023

Do you want to contribute to making our cities better places to live?

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network working with more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.

ICLEI’s European Secretariat is based in Freiburg (Germany), with specialised offices in Brussels and Berlin. ICLEI Europe has more than 140 talented staff from all over Europe and beyond, covering a broad variety of professional disciplines and expertise.

Working with us, you will have opportunities to:

• Deepen your understanding of how cities design and implement sustainability and climate neutrality policies, what kind of challenges they face and how best to support them;
• Work with leading urban researchers, politicians and practitioners on European innovation projects, to provide solutions for today’s urban challenges;
• Contribute to European and international processes that influence urban policies, such as the EU Green Deal, the EU Missions, the New European Bauhaus, the UN SDGs, and others;
• Be part of an internationally recognised organisation that inspires, supports and critically evaluates new trends in (co-)creating sustainable and climate neutral cities;
• Grow professionally in a flexible, family-friendly work environment with opportunities for personal development, European travel, and professional cultural exchange.

We are looking for a new colleague to join our Governance Innovation team with the following experience, skills and character:

• Solid understanding of integrated sustainable urban development principles and processes, with a focus on sustainability management in the public or private sector, sustainability assessments and reporting, participatory governance and social innovation;
• At least 3 years of professional experience, working in a project-based environment, ideally for and with local governments or other urban actors;
• Very good and clear oral and written communication;
• Confident interacting and collaborating with a wide range of partners, from grassroots organisations to ministries;
• Proficient in English and at least one other European language, spoken and written - more languages are an asset;
• Curious, creative, collaborative, while able to work independently and stay grounded in a dynamic, sometimes fast-paced, international environment.
Your position will include the following main tasks:

• Collaborative implementation of service contracts and projects on sustainability management and governance with and for cities, particularly supporting the development of Local Green Deals as part of the European Commission's Intelligent Cities Challenge;
• Facilitation of thematic training and coaching activities for the concerned programmes and projects;
• Regular communication with relevant organisations and institutions;
• Organisation and facilitation of, and contribution to virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings, including trainings, interactive workshops, international project meetings, and conferences;
• Researching and writing publications targeted to urban practitioners, including reports, briefs, case studies and news articles;
• Contributing to project acquisition efforts, including concept development and project design, writing, and budgeting.

We offer you the following conditions:

• Initial 24 months contract with high potential for extension;
• Gross salary according to the Expert position in ICLEI’s salary grid (indicative: EUR 46,800 – 51,600 per annum);
• Place of work: Freiburg/Germany;
• 40h working week with flexible working time and the possibility to work up to 50% remote;
• 6 weeks of paid leave per annum;
• Working language is English;
• Occasional travel within Europe is foreseen.

Please note that 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. For more information about ICLEI visit: www.iclei-europe.org

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