



Junior Expert: Sustainable Food Systems

Start date: 01 April 2024

Duration: 24 months (extension intended)

Deadline for application: 29 February 2024

Location: Freiburg, Germany

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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 150 staff from all over Europe and beyond, covering a broad variety of professional disciplines and expertise.

Working with us, you will have **opportunities** to:

- Work in partnership with leading cities and regions, urban researchers, politicians and civil society organisations on transforming our food systems for a sustainable world;
- Support cities in improving local food environments through concrete measures including sustainable public food procurement, consumer behaviour change, food waste reduction, multi-stakeholder collaboration;
- Help cities use food as an entry point for systemic change and urban sustainability decisions, developing strong food policies and embedding food into their planning processes, to benefit people, nature and climate;
- Advocate to strengthen multi-level governance for food system change;
- Be part of an internationally recognised organisation that inspires, supports, and critically evaluates new trends in (co-)creating sustainable, climate neutral and resilient 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 **Sustainable Food Systems team** with the following **experience, skills and character**:

- Sound understanding of food sustainability and food systems, covering both production and consumption, in the European context, as well as an understanding of the key global issues about sustainability at the local government level;
- Expertise in consumer behaviour change, food waste reduction (circular food), multi-stakeholder collaboration, sustainable public food procurement and/or nutrition and health will be an advantage;
- At least six months of professional experience in relevant institutions/organisations, ideally for or with local governments or other public organisations;
- Very good and clear oral and written communication;



- Confident interacting and collaborating with a wide range of partners across disciplines and sectors;
- Proficient in English; one or more other European languages, spoken and written are an asset;
- Curious, creative, collaborative, very well organised, and able to work in a dynamic, sometimes fast-paced, international environment with colleagues based in different offices.

Your position will include the following **main tasks**:

- Supporting role in implementing work packages, tasks and providing expert advice in a number of projects and initiatives ICLEI is involved in on sustainable food systems, such as [FOODCLIC](#), [SchoolFood4Change](#) and the [City Interest Group on Food Loss and Waste](#);
- Support in task coordination between partners and colleagues, communication with partners, reporting, etc.;
- Regular communication with relevant organisations and institutions;
- Contribution to the organisation and facilitation of virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings, including trainings, interactive workshops, and international project meetings;
- Support in organising events (conferences, workshops, partner meetings, etc) in the framework of the initiatives mentioned above, within ICLEI's Global Food Programme [CityFood](#), and as part of ICLEI's global and European events.

We offer you the following conditions:

- Initial 24 months contract with high potential for extension;
- Gross salary according to the Junior Expert position in ICLEI's salary grid (indicative: €39.300 – 41.400 per annum);
- Place of work: Freiburg (Germany);
- 40 hour working week with flexible working time and the possibility to work up to 50% remote;
- Six 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 a 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

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 based on their qualifications and competencies.

