

## Call for Applications – Research Positions

### 1 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant URBiNAT (community driven processes)

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for one (1) Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant in the project URBiNAT - Healthy corridors as drivers of social housing neighbourhoods for the cocreation of social, environmental and marketable NBS (Grant agreement: 776783), funded by the European Commission, and coordinated by Gonçalo Canto Moniz.

#### a. Project Description:

URBiNAT focuses on the regeneration and integration of deprived social housing urban developments through an innovative and inclusive catalogue of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), ensuring sustainability and mobilising driving forces for social cohesion. Interventions focus on the public space to co-create with citizens new urban, social and nature-based relations within and between different neighbourhoods. Taking the full physical, mental and social wellbeing of citizens as its main goal, URBiNAT aims to co-plan a healthy corridor as an innovative and flexible NBS, which itself integrates a large number of micro NBS emerging from community-driven design processes. URBiNAT consists of a worldwide consortium of academic and business partners around 7 European cities (Porto, Nantes and Sofia as 'frontrunners'; Siena, Nova Gorica, Brussels and Høje-Taastrup as followers), that will act as living laboratories to implement healthy corridor solutions.

Key social sciences features of the project include: interdisciplinary approaches, participatory practices and methodologies to citizen's engagement in innovative and inclusive city governance models, social, solidarity and sustainable economy, use of stakeholder knowledge with-out differentiating between scientific and citizen-driven knowledge. It also demonstrates high social innovation potential through active citizenship.

#### b. Scientific Field:

Sociology

#### c. Admission requirements

Applicants must be holders of a PhD degree in Sociology. They must have proven research experience with qualitative and quantitative methodologies, and in community-driven process.

#### d. Evaluation criteria and corresponding weight:

- PhD in Sociology or other disciplinary fields relevant to the main domains of URBiNAT project (20%);
- Experience in using quantitative and qualitative methodologies in social sciences. Expertise in diagnostic methodologies that involve mapping tools will be considered an advantage (25%);



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- Research experience in the field and/or relevant participation in community-driven processes related to social, environmental, economic and cultural issues. Previous participation in other European research projects and international networks will be considered an important added value. (20%);
- Experience and/or academic interest in at least one of the following fields: urban sustainability, citizen engagement, social inclusion, resilience, social and solidarity economy (20%).
- Proficiency in English and good knowledge of other languages of the project (10%).
- Computer literacy skills (5%).

#### **e. Work plan:**

The selected researcher is expected to contribute to the implementation of the project's scientific tasks, as well as to support any activities associated with the project's general goals. More specifically, s/he will contribute to:

- Literature review, data collection and analysis, to build a critical theoretical-conceptual framework and research methodologies, aimed at developing an EU-wide reference framework for NBS;
- Fieldwork concerning local diagnostics in frontrunner and follower cities (baseline of local social, environmental and economic challenges to social housing neighbourhoods; mapping of community assets and urban capital, local real needs and expectations; mapping and evaluation of existing NBS; identification of indicators for assessment of expected impacts);
- The design of community-driven processes and the organization of participatory training workshops;
- The review of URBiNAT NBS catalogue and the development of the Healthy Corridor concept;
- Development of materials and tools to support the project's dissemination activities;
- The selected researcher should have availability to frequent traveling and to participate in project meetings, conferences, seminars and dissemination activities.

#### **f. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:**

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and following amendments, FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources, and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

#### **g. Work place:**

Tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities, in Coimbra, or in other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Principal Investigator.

#### **h. Duration of the fellowship:**

The fellowship will last 12 months, starting in June 2018. The grant contract may be extended until the end of the project, depending on the project's needs and on the good performance of the fellow and his/her developed activities as defined in their work plan, and on the Principal Investigator's assessment.

## **i. Monthly allowance:**

The monthly stipend will be 1.495 euros. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount.

## **j. Selection process:**

Applicants will be selected based on curricular evaluation. In case of equivalent curricular evaluations, the strongest applications will be evaluated through an interview, conducted in English and in Portuguese, meant to assess the applicants' potential in integrating the project scientific dynamic. The jury reserves the right not to award the grant if none of the candidates fits the required profile.

## **k. Selection panel:**

- Gonçalo Canto Moniz (President)
- Nancy Duxbury (Permanent Member)
- Sílvia Ferreira (Permanent Member)

## **l. Results publication:**

All candidates will be notified of the results by e-mail. According to national legislation in place, applicants will have up to 10 days to place any formal complaints or requests clarification of doubts concerning the evaluation process, before confirmation of final results.

## **m. Application deadline:**

April 24, 2018

## **n. Application process:**

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English;
- b) the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copies of degree certificates and of other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.

Applications can be handed in personally, at CES facilities, or sent by postal mail, with stamp due until the final deadline, to the following address:

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