

## Call for Applications – Research Positions

### 1 Fellowship Grant URBiNAT

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for one (1) research fellowship 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 without differentiating between scientific and citizen-driven knowledge. It also demonstrates high social innovation potential through active citizenship.

#### b. Scientific Field:

Social Sciences and Humanities

#### c. Admission requirements

Applicants must be holders of a Master degree in Sociology, Law or Human Rights. They must have proven academic work/interest in some of the project's key research areas, namely: social inclusion in urban context, citizen engagement and participatory methodologies, human rights.

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

- Master in law or sociology with special emphasis in human rights (20%)



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- Research experience and/or academic interest in the following fields: social inclusion in urban context, citizen engagement, sustainable development, gender, international and European law (25%)
- Work experience concerning human rights monitoring, application and/or advocacy (20%)
- Knowledge of participatory methodologies (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:

- The coordination of the inclusion of cross cutting dimensions, namely human rights and gender, which will be applied to planning, implementation and evaluation of activities;
- Literature review, data collection and analysis supporting the project's theoretical-conceptual framework and research methodologies concerning human rights and gender;
- Fieldwork concerning local diagnostics in front-runner and follower cities, in respect to human rights and gender (mapping of the mechanisms in place to recognize and promote rights by public/political authorities), as well as to determining a baseline of local social, environmental and economic challenges to social housing neighbourhoods, mapping community assets and urban capital, and identifying indicators for assessment and planning of expected impacts;
- The compilation and analysis of human rights and gender issues in the scope of URBINAT's planning implementation and evaluation of activities on a regular basis, based on the consultations to the scientific commission and to the external experts advisory boards;
- The design of community-driven processes and the organization of participatory training workshops;
- The development of the Healthy Corridor concept;
- The development of communication and dissemination materials, tools and activities;
- Support the team (PI and management) on issues relating to legal aspects of participatory processes.

The selected researcher should have availability to frequent traveling.

#### **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 1.200 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.

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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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