



Call for Application 2 Research Fellowships

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 2 research fellowship (Master degree – Bolsa de Investigação) in the project '**Enabling Multichannel Participation Through ICT Adaptations – EMPATIA**' (Grant Agreement no.: 687920 – EMPATIA – H2020-ICT-2015/H2020-ICT-2015), funded by the Horizon2020 Program of the European Commission and coordinated by Dr. Giovanni Allegretti (http://www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/giovanni_allegretti.php).

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The Exchange project will be hosted at the DECIDE – Research Group on Democracy, Citizenship and Law, which has focused its activity on questions such as the organisation of the political community and its multiple relations with the State and experiences of democratic participation and decentralization, among others.

The project will be also associated with the Observatory on Participation, Innovation and Local Government (PEOPLES'), which is a meeting and exchange place on topics related to the participation of citizens in the construction of policies and projects for the territory. It is place to provide reflections on innovations that transform the structure, powers and organizational and political culture of the levels of government closest to the citizen.

Link:

CES: http://www.ces.uc.pt/index.php?id_lingua=2

DECIDE: http://www.ces.uc.pt/nucleos/decide/?id_lingua=2&pag=10901

PEOPLES': <http://peoples.ces.uc.pt/pages/en/home.php>

H2020 Call ICT-10-2015:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/922-ict-10-2015.html>

a. Project Description:

The EMPATIA project seeks to radically enhance the inclusiveness and impact of Participatory budgeting (PB) processes, increasing the participation of citizens by designing, evaluating and making publicly available an advanced ICT platform for participatory budgeting, which could be adaptable to different social and institutional contexts. EMPATIA is a 24-month project that seeks to design, evaluate, refine and widely disseminate such a platform as an open-source public good. EMPATIA aims at producing the first ICT platform capable of fully encompassing both the decision-making cycle and the implementation cycle of PB whose integration is considered indispensable by literature as the main driver of the self-sustainability process.

Three Pilots with citizens of three diverse PB communities - the municipalities of Lisbon (Portugal), Ričany (Czech Republic) and Wuppertahl (Germany) - will implement, analyse and validate the



EMPATIA platform.

b. Scientific field: Social Sciences, Political Sciences

c. Main Tasks:

- Contribute to primary and secondary research activity under the framework of the Working Package N°1 of EMPATIA, aimed to develop and transfer knowledge regarding Models, Methodologies, Scenarios & Requirements for the use of collaborative platforms in multi-channel Democratic Innovations;
- Literature review, analysis and data collection on the use of collaborative platforms in the design and management of Democratic Innovations;
- Conduct primary research, namely, conduct in person and remote interviews with organizers and participants of EMPATIA's pilots, in connection with the project partners;
- Conduct primary research, namely, conduct in person and remote interviews with organizers and participants of cases of study of multi-channel Democratic Innovations;
- Organize, select and analyze quantitative and qualitative data collected;
- Contribute to the production of EMPATIA project deliverables and participate in project meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars, dissemination activities and other scholarly activities;
- General administrative and logistical support to the organization of project activities and meetings;

d. Admission requirements and criteria, and their evaluation weighting:

1. A completed Master degree in a field of Social Sciences, relevant to the project (10%);
2. Relevant research experience and/or scientific publications on one or more of the following topics: Participatory Budgeting, Democratic Innovations, Deliberative Democracy, Civic Technologies, Open Knowledge (20%);
3. Relevant professional experience on one or more of the following topics: Participatory Budgeting, Democratic Innovations, Deliberative Democracy, Civic Technologies, Open Knowledge (10%);
4. Documented training and experience in using quantitative and qualitative methodologies in the social sciences, and documental analysis (10%);
5. Proficiency in English and knowledge of Portuguese (10%);
6. Computer proficiency and competency on applications for word processing, data management, and spreadsheet and data analysis programs (10%);
7. Availability and Interest in developing a PhD project and research activity within the scope of the project thematic areas. (30%)

f. 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. Especially, the selected researcher will be asked to work under the framework of the Working Package N.1 "Foundations and Models for Multichannel Participatory Budgeting", aimed to assure a comprehensive study of existing works in the scope of Participatory Budgeting, exploiting new

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possibilities and proposing innovative solutions. Under this framework, the selected researcher will be asked to gather, organize and analyse quantitative and qualitative data, carry out a critical review of literature, conduct fieldwork, guarantee support in research management and networking with partners, among other tasks needed for a sound management and implementation of the project's goals. The selected research is also expected to contribute actively to the development of reports and other EMPATIA's deliverable, under the coordination of the Principal Investigator of the Project. The selected research will also be engaged in the development scientific articles and other documents for the project's dissemination.

g. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and successive amendments; FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources 2015 (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>), and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies (http://www.ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/documentos/Regulamento_de_Bolsas_CES_2008.pdf).

h. Work place:

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

i. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 3 months, starting tentatively on the 15th of October of 2016. The starting date could be subject to changes and could be postponed, according to the overall advancement of the research tasks of EMPATIA and depending on the assessment of the Principal Investigator. The fellowship contract may be extended for equal or different time periods, until the end of the project, depending on the Principal Investigator's assessment on the performance of the fellow and his/her developed activities as defined in his/her work plan.

j. Monthly allowance:

The monthly stipend is 980 euros, based on a full-time position (35 hours per week) and according with the Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance, when applicable, and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount.

k. Selection process:

Applicants will be selected based on both curricular evaluation and direct interview. The candidates which will receive a score of at least 50/70 points in curricular evaluation (see paragraph d, points 1 to 6) will be contacted for an interview. The interview will be delivered in person or via videoconference, conducted in English, meant to assess the applicant's potential in integrating the project scientific dynamic and his/her motivation in pursuing studies related to the project's thematic areas (point 7, paragraph d). Interview will value 30% of final evaluation. The Selection Committee reserves the right to choose none of the applicants for the research

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fellowship position.

I. Selection panel:

- Giovanni Allegretti (President)
- Ana Raquel Matos (permanent member)
- Michelangelo Secchi (permanent member)
- Luis Cordeiro (permanent member)

m. Results publication:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly.

n. Application deadline:

Open on: August 16, 2016

Deadline: September 19, 2016

o. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English;
- b) the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) List of Publications to be considered for this position (max.5);

The applications can sent to the following email address: empatia@empatia-project.eu or handed personally, at CES' facilities, sent by postal mail, with stamp due until the final deadline, to the following address, with clear indication of the reference of this call and the name of the applicant:

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