City Biodiversity Index Consultant Expert (CBICE)

Vacancy – Terms of reference

A. Job description

JOB TITLE: City Biodiversity Index Consultant Expert (CBICE)

PURPOSE: The City Biodiversity Index (CBI) consultant expert will assist with the assessment, writing and scientific supervision of the City Biodiversity Index report for the City of Malaga within LifeWatch ERIC, being the point of reference to guarantee the scientific integrity, robustness and completion of the development of the CBI within the LifeWatch ERIC framework.

LOCATION: LifeWatch ERIC ICT-Core premises in Andalusia (Spain)

FUNDING RESOURCES: LifeWatch ERIC ICT-Core in Spain – Andalusia ERDF Project Framework: Alboran Project

B. Main responsibilities

I. S/he will work under the supervision of, and always directly report to, the IP of the Andalusia ERDF projects; as well as the LifeWatch ERIC CTO in the development of the City Biodiversity Index and other related projects when necessary;

II. S/he will be the scientific and technical coordination of the development of the City Biodiversity Index assessment report;

III. S/he will be responsible for the Development of the “Profile of the City” assessment report.

IV. S/he will be responsible for providing information for the development of recommendations for policy makers;
V. S/he will be responsible to provide information related to this type of activity within LifeWatch ERIC facilities for communication and dissemination purposes, including those related to citizen science.

C. The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements:

I. Senior expert in urban biodiversity and ecosystem services with experience in the development of indicators (in terms of a set of biophysical, socio-economic and governance indicators) for urban policy support at European- to city- scale.

II. Proven expertise and background in urban ecosystem service assessment, including Green Infrastructures and indicator development applying standardised methodologies used in European initiatives (e.g. MAES, EnRoute);

III. Work experience in international research centres and European projects;

IV. Coordination skills to manage a project activity, including planning, ensuring timely and high-quality delivery of outputs;

V. Experience in European projects related to urban ecosystem mapping and assessment, including valuation of ecosystem services, preferably linked to the Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services (MAES) initiative;

VI. Excellent presentation and reporting skills, fluency in written and spoken English (LifeWatch ERIC official language) & Spanish (ICT-Core premises hosted by Spain);

VII. Proven organisation and communication skills, proactive, capacity to work in teams and to tight deadlines, in international environments and multi-language contexts;

VIII. Willingness to travel abroad according to the specific working needs of this position;

IX. High-standard work ethic;
X. Ability to launch publications related to the subjects discussed in this document. In this sense, publications published to date, book contributions, interventions in conferences and/or workshops related to the subjects discussed will be valued;

XI. Established relationships with different national and international research groups to facilitate potential collaboration avenues in current and future projects will be valued.

ASSETS

- IT skills: Proficiency in Microsoft Office package, analytical, and graphical tools appropriate for the work to be performed.

- Understanding of the structure, functioning and regulation of European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs), in particular ICT, biodiversity and ecosystem areas.

D. The vacancy is subject to the following procedure

- A short covering letter and Curriculum Vitae\(^1\) (EUROPASS format and annexes, 6 pages at the most) shall be submitted to the Chief Technology Officer and Director of the ICT-Core at cto@lifewatch.eu and in cc to hiring@lifewatch.eu by 9 March 2023. Please write “City Biodiversity Index Consultant Expert CBICE” in the email subject;

- The selection process will follow the Employment Policy of LifeWatch ERIC;

- S/he will be appointed full-time. A competitive gross salary, based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, will be offered. Employment will be

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\(^1\)Special note for Italian market: According to Italian Privacy Protection Law n. 196/03 any resume not mentioning explicitly the following wording: ‘I authorise the use of my personal data in accordance with Italian Privacy Protection Law [30/06/2003, n. 196/03]’ will be automatically deleted from our database and consequently not taken into consideration.
in Spain, follow Spanish employment law and be subject to a 180-day trial (probation) period;

- Her/his main office will be located at the LifeWatch ERIC ICT-Core premises in Seville (Spain), without prejudice to the establishment of others in the future;
- Start date in office for the appointed person: **March 2023**.

LifeWatch ERIC is an equal opportunity employer, and encourages all qualified candidates to apply, regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.