

Citizen Science Project Officer

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Be part of a diverse international team at the forefront of the citizen science movement in Europe! This role is an exciting opportunity for a citizen science specialist to work on two projects at the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA).

About ECSA

ECSA is an interdisciplinary, non-profit organisation that mainstreams the democratisation of science. It supports the research, design and development of various aspects of citizen science. Among other roles, it carries out research on citizen science, develops communities of practice within the field, and promotes knowledge exchange across Europe.

Project one: STEP CHANGE

Citizen science can play a broader role in science and society than it currently does, particularly in critical fields of research such as energy, health and the environment, where human and non-human factors are deeply entangled. There is an emerging set of highly contested, socially relevant research fields where citizen science can play a pivotal role by making science more socially robust, inclusive and democratic.

STEP CHANGE was designed to facilitate citizen science, while identifying limitations and risks, based on five citizen science initiatives in the areas of energy, environment, health and infectious diseases. This will be achieved through participatory and self-reflexive analysis and evaluation of their collaborative research processes, scientific outcomes and societal impacts.

Project two: ROSiE

The ROSiE consortium will analyse and develop practical tools aimed at ensuring ethics and research integrity (ERI) in open science (OS) and citizen science (CS). The project will be carried out by a strongly multi-disciplinary group consisting of world-leading experts and organisations in OS, CS, and ERI.

Job role:	Project officer
Job range:	50% full-time equivalent (approx. 20 hrs/week)
Salary:	Equivalent to E13 TV-Land Berlin (about €45,000 full time equivalent per year, depending on experience)
Duration:	Position to be filled from March 2021, initially for 6 months and with a possible extension until February 2024, depending on funding.
Place of work:	ECSA Headquarters, at the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin

Project tasks STEP CHANGE

- Organise multilateral sessions on stocktaking exercises and recommendations
- Co-organise mutual learning workshops
- Develop a 'Citizen Science Navigator' tool for guiding scientists applying citizen science in their research
- Continuous communication and dissemination activities

Project tasks ROSiE

- Map and analyse the aims and synergies of citizen science, open science and responsible research and innovation (RRI)
- Form and coordinate a multistakeholder forum for responsible open science (for projects under the SwafS scheme),
- Disseminate knowledge and outcomes to existing EU knowledge-sharing platforms
- Continuous communication and dissemination activities

Participation in ECSA's community tasks

- Contribute to organisational communications tasks
- Work on proposals to fund new projects
- Participate in ECSA's strategy formulation and project planning processes
- Contribute to ECSA's work on accessibility, visibility and inclusivity

Requirements

- PhD or Masters degree in a related field, or equivalent experience
- Experience in project management and proven ability to manage multiple strands of work and competing demands on your time
- Knowledge of the EU Horizon 2020 funding scheme
- Familiarity with current developments and central stakeholders in the field of citizen science and open science
- Strong communication skills and knowledge in science communication
- Confidence in the use of IT systems, including working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite and Google Drive, and social media platforms
- A high standard of English, written and spoken; German language skills are also desirable, and a good command of other European languages is an advantage
- Ability to work as part of a team, while also being proactive with your own tasks
- Willingness to travel internationally for project meetings

Applications should comprise a CV and a cover letter including:

- your motivation and suitability for the position, specifically addressing the requirements detailed above
- a list of achievements (e.g. publications)
- a short description of past projects.

Applications should be sent as one PDF by **21 February 2021**, with reference to job advertisement No.01/2021. Please email them to: ecsa-admin@mfn.berlin