



Job opening No 7 / 2018

The **European Citizen Science Association ECSA** (Verein der europäischen Bürgerwissenschaften e.V.) is a non-profit organisation under German law. ECSA supports the Citizen Science movement in Europe by various capacity building activities and initiates and performs research on citizen science.

ECSA is partner in the WeObserve¹ project (An Ecosystem of Citizen Observatories for Environmental Monitoring), coordinated by IIASA². The primary responsibility of ECSA within WeObserve is to lead a task on mapping the EU landscape of existing citizen observatories initiatives, relevant communities and their interactions. ECSA also supports a number of other tasks including the development of Communities of Practice for knowledge exchange on Citizen Observatories, as well as project dissemination and outreach to ECSA members and the citizen science community.

Description: Scientist

Salary: The position is intended as equivalent to 50% (part time) E13 TV Land Berlin

Duration: Starting as soon as possible (in March 2018) and until the end of the project (30.11.2020)

Place of work: ECSA Headquarters

Responsibilities:

- **Research and Analysis:** Mapping and stakeholder analysis of Citizen Observatory initiatives and relevant communities with a view to gathering information on their reasoning, functioning and main interactions. The task is divided into three distinct parts. A desktop investigation will be carried out to identify the main Citizen Observatories and related initiatives; this will be followed by more in-depth interviews designed around conducting a needs and gap analysis; finally, stakeholder focus groups will be used to gain insights on interactions and relations within Citizen Observatories. The results will be written up in the form of a scientific report. An initial report is to be provided by 31.05.2018 and an updated report by 30.11.2019.
- **Event Organization:** Conception and organization of stakeholder focus groups to gain insights on the nature of Citizen Observatory networks and linkages. Organisation of and conducting interviews.

¹ <https://www.weobserve.eu/>

² <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/>

- **Scientific Project Management:** support the coordination of ECSA's involvement in the WeObserve project consortium, liaise with other consortium partners, attend coordination meetings and support with project administration and reporting.
- **Communication and community management:** Communication of WeObserve within the ECSA network, internal communication with ECSA members, Executive Board, Steering Committee and Working Groups (e.g. via the ECSA newsletter and participation in Steering Committee meetings), support the representation of the projects at ECSA events such as the biennial ECSA conference; represent the projects on behalf of ECSA at external events.

Requirements:

- University degree in the field of social or political sciences, environmental policy and planning or transdisciplinary research
- Experiences with stakeholder engagement processes and participatory methodologies, in order to conduct interviews and stakeholder focus groups.
- Knowledge about current debates on citizen science, with special emphasis on citizen science in earth observation monitoring activities
- Experience in organization of events, experience with on- and offline communication
- Experience in project management
- Fluency in English, oral and written communication; additional languages beneficial.

Applications should include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae including a list of publications, and a short description of past research accomplishments and/or realized projects. Applications should be sent until 12.03.2018 with reference to job advertisement No. 7/2018 to: ecsa@mfn-berlin.de or European Citizen Science Association (ECSA); c/o Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Invalidenstrasse 43, 10115 Berlin.

Printed applications are not sent back. Therefore, only copies should be submitted.