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## **Position: "Expert on community engagement with the marine environment"**

**Place:** [Institut de Ciències del Mar \(ICM\)](http://www.icm.csic.es), CSIC, Barcelona

**Salary:** 28,000-33,000 euros per year (gross salary)

**Contract period:** 12 months contract, potentially renewable up to 32 months

### **Institute of Marine Science – CSIC**

The Institute of Marine Science (*Institut de Ciències del Mar*, ICM) is the fourth largest research institute of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and the largest dedicated to marine research. Under the motto “Ocean Science for a Healthy Planet,” the ICM conducts frontier research and foster both knowledge and technology transfer on topics related to ocean and climate interactions, conservation and sustainable use of marine life and ecosystems, and impact mitigation of natural and anthropogenic hazards. In-depth knowledge, determined action, and coordinated management are essential to confronting these global challenges, thereby driving sustainable development of humankind. ICM’s goal is to develop **research excellence** to inspire a society in harmony with the blue planet, in line with the values of the **United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**.

ICM is the first Spanish marine science centre to be accredited as a **Severo Ochoa Centre of Excellence**, in recognition to the institution’s leadership in the field of marine research in Spain and to its commitment to create social impact.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.icm.csic.es/en>

Recruitment at ICM is open, transparent and merit-based, and all applicants compete on the same terms. CSIC and its research centers were awarded with the "[HR Excellence in Research](#)" seal in 2021. This recognition reflects our commitment to continuously improving our human resources policies in line with the [European Charter for Researchers](#) and the [Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers](#).



## What we are looking for

We look for a highly-motivated individual with a background in sociology, experience working with individuals and different types of social groups and networks, and good knowledge and/or experience on the relation of people with natural environments. The worker will assess current initiatives of the empowerment of citizens interested in the restoration, protection and preservation of the marine environment, and will explore how to enhance and fortify these initiatives at the local to regional to European levels, contributing to the building and reinforcement of communities of practice.

A strong background in co-creative tasks is required. Basic knowledge and experience on the natural and marine environments, and the different types of relations of individuals and associations with these environments, will be highly valued. Experience with social media and some basic surveying techniques are also desirable. Proficiency in Spanish and English is mandatory, and good oral and written communication writing skills are also highly desirable.

## Tasks

The worker will support the participation of ICM within a Horizon Europe, which is part of the Mission: Restore our Ocean, seas and waters by 2030. The worker will coordinate all ICM actions and activities aimed at empowering citizens to engage with the mission, through deepening and widening citizen engagement and by leveraging participatory innovations and ocean literacy. In particular, the worker will be responsible for a task aimed at creating and fortifying bottom-up citizen engagement, and supporting existing citizen networks that are connected with the oceans. It will imply working with several networks, at different levels of maturity, scale and geography, in order to develop methodologies and create a “community of practice”. The worker design and facilitate methods and tools on citizen engagement, testing and piloting established networks as well as supporting other starting networks.

## Work conditions

This is a full-time job based in the ICM facilities, with a gross annual salary ranging between 28,000 and 33,000 €. The job is expected to start as early as September 1, 2022, conditioned



to proper registration of the candidate in the CSIC Job Bank (Bolsa de Trabajo). The initial contract will be for a period of one year, but potentially renewable until at least the end of 2024.

Part of the work can be done through teleworking but generally the worker is expected to work onsite, both at the ICM offices and interacting with local communities. The worker must also have good availability to travel within Europe, when necessary, to participate both in the assessment of European networks and in the project meetings.

### Contact

Interested candidates, please contact [pelegri@icm.csic.es](mailto:pelegri@icm.csic.es) providing a CV and a statement of interest.

This call will remain open until the position is filled.

### References

*The Ocean Mission will provide a systemic approach for the restoration, protection and preservation of our ocean, seas and waters. The objective of this Mission is to restore, protect and preserve the health of our ocean, seas and waters by 2030. The Mission is designed to deliver on the European Union's 2030 quantified and measurable targets for protecting and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity, for zero pollution, and for decarbonisation and net greenhouse gas emissions reduction towards climate-neutrality, within the EU's ocean, seas and waters. The Mission will support many Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): in particular restoring our ocean and waters related actions will directly contribute to SDG 14 - Life below water and SDG 6 - Clean water and sanitation, as well as to SDG13 - Climate action. The Mission will also contribute to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development by fostering research and cooperation across European sea basins, including the EU Outermost Regions and beyond, and mobilise scientists, as well as citizens for a sustainable and healthy ocean, seas and waters.*