

# a RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT POSITION UNDER THE ERC FUNDED

#### Company Description

BC3 is a Research Centre on the causes and consequences of climate change. Led by one of the most recognized scientists in the Climate Change field -Prof. Maria José Sanz, we produce multidisciplinary knowledge to support decision making towards sustainable development at the international level. With a multidisciplinary team. connected to the main scientific institutions. networks and socio-economic agents, for a decade, our contribution to research of climate change and to the science-policy interface puts us in a unique position to offer knowledge, tools, new methodologies and crosscutting proposals, that we lead towards action in a collaborative framework with stakeholders, to design and help implement policies aimed at sustainable development.

### Information

■ Deadline: 2022-06-26
■ Category: Academia
■ Province: Bizkaia
■ Country: Basque Country
■ City: Leioa

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BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change



## Main functions, requisites & benefits

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The Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3) offers a full-time Research, Management and Communication assistant position to support the development of the European Research Council (ERC) project IMAGINE Adaptation (ID: 101039429), led by Dr. Marta Olazabal. This is a 5-year research project funded by the ERC that will be developed in the framework of the Adaptation Lab (Research Line 4) and the cross-cutting Urban Theme at BC3. The project 'IMAGINE adaptation' addresses the imperative of how to evaluate adaptation in urban areas as a contemporary complex phenomenon with implications across governance scales. It argues that the current focus on policy progress can be useful as a first step, but it is not indicative of effective adaptation. In this project, we aim to explore broader understandings of success in adaptation that transcend technocratic approaches and consider equity, justice and maladaptive issues. In order to enable evaluation and learning from these diverse understandings of adaptation, 'IMAGINE adaptation' has four timely and ambitious objectives: first, the reformulation of the concept of successful adaptation using expert and local views. Second, the exploration of trends and needs regarding monitoring and evaluation and how these may enable or hinder adaptation. Third, the development of a comparative case study research across 12 urban areas worldwide. Finally, the analysis of how evaluations of local progress can inform global goals. The outputs of this project aim to be a reference for future adaptation assessment studies and to pioneer the understanding of the ways to enable far-reaching transformative urban adaptation through processes of evaluation and learning. We are looking for an individual who can support the Principal Investigator (PI) in the project's management and communication activities, as well as assisting the team in its research work along the 5 years of the project life. Job description: The applicant will be participating in various activities in the project related to management and science communication (50% of the time) and research (50% of the time). The dedication to each of these activities may vary depending on the specific needs of the project at each stage. For example, more time will be required for management and science outreach activities during the first months of the project. Project management activities include for example, support for the development of reports to be submitted to the ERC, data and team management, including ethics management and organisation of project meetings. Science communication and outreach activities include development of website and social media contents, mailing, preparation of project dissemination materials, communication with stakeholders, experts and local actors participating across research activities in the project and assistantship for conference organisation. In addition, the applicant will support the PI and the rest of the team to achieve the scientific objectives of the project, to develop an effective task management and to collaboratively work, publish and disseminate project findings in the field of urban climate governance. International travel might be required to support field work activities. The applicant will be highly motivated to work in an international ground-breaking project, will have a high interest in science communication and effective project management and will have creativity and initiative to disseminate project findings in ways that can deliver a real change. In addition, the applicant will be highly interested in transdisciplinary research work in the field of urban climate governance and in supporting the PI and the project team to successfully achieve project objectives. Key responsibilities: Project management