



## Terms of Reference for a Consultant

### IOC/MPR Section

Post title : **Consultant – Technical Expert on Environmental Information Systems and regional policies**

Organizational unit :  
**UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)  
Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section**

Primary location:  
**Decentralized in Málaga (ES) with punctual missions to Sevilla (ES) and Paris (FR)**

Recruitment open to: **External candidates**

Type of contract: **Consultant**

Annual salary:  
**24.000 EUR approx. (monthly salary in between 1800 and 2000 EUR)**

Deadline:  
**15 December 2017**

#### **Main responsibilities**

Under the overall authority of the Director-General and under the supervision of the Assistant Director-General for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (ADG/IOC), the incumbent will assist with the implementation of technical activities at the IOC Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section within the context of the Project on Knowledge, Assessment, and Management for AQUATIC Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services across EU policies (AQUACROSS Project – H2020) ([www.aquacross.eu](http://www.aquacross.eu)) ;

The incumbent will specifically:

- (i) Contribute to implementation of the IOC/MPR activities to H2020 Project AQUACROSS in order to assist the project coordinator and the Environmental Information Network of

Andalusia (REDIAM) - Regional Ministry of Environment and Planning of the Government of Andalusia (Spain) to provide valuable inputs to the project.

- (ii) Assist the development and maintenance of the AQUACROSS information platform and tools.
- (iii) Contribute to the compilation and analysis of data and information from different sources.
- (iv) Contribute to the implementation of the AQUACROSS pilot case study at the Intercontinental Biosphere Reserve of the Mediterranean Andalusia (Spain) – Morocco and specifically the finalization and integration of the storytelling application within the Environmental Information Network of Andalusia (REDIAM).
- (v) Contribute to enhance the collaboration with relevant public and private stakeholders at the Intercontinental Biosphere Reserve of the Mediterranean: Andalusia (Spain) - Morocco.
- (vi) Contribute to the development of multilingual web-based multimedia products and training materials.
- (vii) Contribute to events, meeting reports, scientific papers and the regular reporting of activities to the head of the MPR Section, and the Project Coordinator of AQUACROSS at IOC-UNESCO.

### **Required qualifications**

Education: Advanced university degree (master level or higher) in environmental sciences, information systems and decision support tools.

Work experience: Preferably 5-10 years of working experience on regional and European biodiversity, habitats and water policies in connection with environmental information systems. Experience on modelling processes with GIS tools, interpretation of habitats and vegetation related to aquatic resources and wetlands in Andalusia/Spain will be an asset.

### **Skills and competences:**

- Excellent research, analytical and problem solving ability, including taking part in the resolution of issues and in the application of good judgement.
- Very good inter-personal skills and ability to maintain effective partnerships and working relations within a multi-cultural environment; ability to work collaboratively as part of a team to achieve organisational goals.
- Ability to plan own work and manage conflicting priorities; work under pressure.

- Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively, including the ability to draft reports in a concise style and communicate complex scientific information to a broader audience – via visual, written and verbal modes.
- Languages: Very Good knowledge of spoken and written English and Spanish. Knowledge of additional working languages of UNESCO (Arabic, French, Chinese, Russian) will be an asset.
- Specific knowledge on European databases and information products, the Environmental Information Network of Andalusia (REDIAM) ArcGIS software and CKAN.

### **Desirable qualifications:**

Education: The consultant should hold a degree in marine/coastal resources management, geography, environmental sciences, biological sciences, geological sciences or equivalent combined with the use of information/data management tools.

Work experience: Practical familiarity with Andalusian, Spanish and European water and land policies and their associated environmental information systems and decision support tools.

### **Duration:**

The Consultant is appointed, initially for 6 months (including a probationary period of 1 month). The contract is renewable, subject to satisfactory service and availability of funding. The appointment is non-career and does not carry any expectancy of renewal or conversion to another contract. Medical health care is not provided.

Please note that UNESCO is a non-smoking Organization.

### **How to apply?**

Please submit a full CV (using the UNESCO template <https://en.unesco.org/careers/media/3705>), a motivation letter, three references and a work plan for the activities related to the main responsibilities described in this call, to:

Mr. Julian Barbière ([j.barbiere@unesco.org](mailto:j.barbiere@unesco.org)) and Mr. Alejandro Iglesias-Campos ([a.iglesias-campos@unesco.org](mailto:a.iglesias-campos@unesco.org)) **by 15 December 2017 (midnight, Paris time).**