



ESS Ambassador – Southern Europe

The European Social Survey (ERIC) is looking to engage a consultant to act as an 'ESS Ambassador' for Southern Europe and to establish a Southern European Regional network. This role is funded by the H2020 grant ESS-SUSTAIN-2 (GA 871063).

The Southern European Regional network will bring together National Coordinators, data users and funders in the region where membership is not fully established in all countries and help consolidation for the longer term. Regional networks help to promote the survey nationally and in the region and provide a collective forum that helps to support NCs with implementation of the study.

The Ambassador will establish a Southern European ESS regional network for the first time. Two ESS regional seminars will be held (the first virtually and the second to be confirmed) bringing together 20-30 leading scholars and representatives from relevant government ministries from the area. The event will showcase ESS data and publications about the region and draw out policy implications. It will also allow methods challenges in the region to be discussed. The countries in the network will include Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

Organisational support for the event and Ambassador will be provided by the ESS Grants Coordinator. This network will be organised by the Ambassador. The Ambassador will also seek to ensure that countries remain or become members by maintaining contact with the ESS ERIC General Assembly representatives from the region.

ESS ERIC will pay the Ambassador a rate of €600 per day with any travel costs reimbursed separately. Up to 15 days are foreseen for the role to be used between October 2020 and July 2021. A review after 7 days have been used will be conducted to decide if the work should continue.

Applicants should send a CV and a one page letter to Esther Bourne (Esther.Bourne@city.ac.uk) outlining why they are suitable for the role. Knowledge of the academic sector in Southern Europe and of the funding landscape for social science research infrastructure is required.

Applications should be received by 17 September and interviews will be held on 30 September.

The Ambassador will be appointed as a consultant by City, University of London which is a linked third party to ESS ERIC providing its HQ.