

Call for Participation - Barcelona

Barcelona and Montreal Study Mission to Seoul

Sharing economy and urban commons

September 30 - October 4, 2019

Seoul, Republic of Korea

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CITIES (Centre international de transfert d'innovations et de connaissances en économie sociale et solidaire) is currently seeking four participants (civil society practitioners and academic researchers) from Barcelona for a study mission on the themes of the sharing economy and the urban commons which will take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea from Monday, September 30, 2019 to Friday, October 4, 2019.

CITIES is an international organization that supports the international gathering, sharing and transfer of knowledge and best practices in the field of the social economy. We facilitate collaboration between local governments, social economy networks, institutions of higher learning and international organizations at an international level.

Background and Mission Objectives

Following a study mission on the urban commons from Montreal which took place in Barcelona in November 2018, CITIES is planning a second study mission, this time bringing together government officials, academics, and field practitioners both from Montreal and Barcelona to Seoul. The main goal of the mission is to initiate a sustainable and constructive network between the relevant actors in the field of sharing economy and urban commons in Montreal, Barcelona, and Seoul that would contribute to the development of an inclusive, equitable, and community-oriented landscape for the sharing economy and urban commons. Specifically, the mission aims to identify and exchange good practices and inspiring examples on the urban commons and the sharing economy; and to outline mutual barriers and opportunities faced by the three cities, and a possible course of action for future collaboration between them.

Preliminary Program¹

- 3 days of stakeholders' meetings and field visits to relevant project sites and organizations
- 1 day of seminar among participants to extrapolate and synthesize learnings
- 1 day of independent visits and meetings between participants and organizations in Seoul

Mandatory eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be a practitioner in a civil society organization or an academic researcher whose work is related to the sharing economy and/or urban commons. The organization must be based in Barcelona, Catalonia.
- Applicants must demonstrate significant² experience in researching and/or managing urban commons and/or sharing economy issues and initiatives.

¹ Subject to change depending on the availability of the potential project sites and organizations in Seoul, as well as the relevance to the different backgrounds of the participants (e.g. mobility, IT, shared space, land, etc.)

² Significant experience is understood to mean the depth and breadth of experience normally associated with having performed a broad range of various, complex related activities leading to tangible achievements.

Participant duties:

- (Before the mission) Participants may be asked to contribute to the planning and the designing of the mission program such as the topics for the seminar to tailor the mission to the participants' needs as much as possible.
- (During the mission) Participants agree to fully and actively contribute to the full range of activities during the study mission, including field site visits, meetings with relevant stakeholders and the seminar. Participants may be asked to present on his or her work on at least one of the two themes during the mission.
- (After the mission) Participants agree to document activities and insights during the mission and contribute to the development of final deliverables such as a report after the mission.

Financing

- Financial assistance is available for a major part of the costs of the mission.
- Participants are expected to financially contribute with approx. 500 EUR (exact amount to be determined)

Apply!

If you would like to submit your application, please send

1. Your CV
2. Portfolio of relevant work (publications, projects, etc)
3. Two paragraphs on your expectations and the expertise you can contribute to the mission

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