

Job description: Clean Blue Paros

Position:	Business Engagement Lead	Supervisor:	Project Manager
Location:	Paros, Greece	Salary:	Competitive
Start date:	March 2020	Contract:	Full-time, 7month contract

Common Seas is a not-for-profit enterprise that researches, designs and implements practical project-based solutions to our global plastic pollution crisis. Our mission is to quickly and significantly reduce the amount of plastic waste produced and stop it polluting rivers and seas.

We are a cross-disciplinary team who is looking for an outstanding business engagement manager with a recognised track record stakeholder and project management. Your primary role will be recruiting business to the Clean Blue approach, to auditing the businesses single use plastic footprint and work together to agree reduction targets, alternative to plastic systems and optimise waste management.

About Common Seas

We believe in healthy seas for everyone. Driven by a deep love of the ocean, we're working hard to bring about the big changes we need to protect the greatest life support system on Earth.

We're a smart, dynamic, pragmatic, professional and supportive team. Our small (but quickly growing) international crew brings together a wide range of skills and expertise, together with an adventurous spirit and a hands-on-can-do attitude. We're proud to be part of an incredible network of thinkers and doers, and we're looking for someone who shares the same kind of energy, passion and dedication.

We love people who take the initiative and learn by doing. Who punch above their weight and make things happen. We hire for the long-term and will give you as much responsibility as you can handle.

Core project focus: Clean Blue Alliance, Clean Blue Greece

Clean Blue Alliance is working towards a global network of island communities free from plastic waste.

We are helping Paros become the first plastic waste-free island in the Mediterranean.

As a lighthouse project, Clean Blue Paros inspires and supports other island communities – in Greece and around the world – to chart a course to healthy seas.

Clean Blue Paros tackles plastic pollution by driving new policy, demonstrating on-the-ground circular economy solutions, and changing how people use and dispose of plastic. Our teams on Paros and in Athens work with government, business and civil society to leverage this change.

Founded by Common Seas as part of Clean Blue Alliance, Clean Blue Paros is a groundbreaking collaboration between Paros Municipality, local businesses, WATT, HERRco, WWF Greece, and the Cyclades Preservation Fund.

What the role involves:

- Proven experience as a highly organised, excellent and persistent project manager.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office.
- Dynamic and confident communications skills
- Fluent in Greek and English – written and spoken.
- The successful candidate will have deep connections to Paros.
- Dedicated to rapidly build specialist knowledge on plastics and waste management on Paros.
- Believes a reduction plastic waste will benefit both the economy and environment of Paros

Advantageous:

- Related experience in delivering projects that reduce plastic waste in the environment and drive a circular economy. For example, separate collection of high value plastics, re-use and service systems to reduce single-use plastic consumption.
- Networks with the key actors across the Greek plastics value chain, including government, Hellenic Recovery Recycling Corporation (HE.R.R.Co) and members.

Job Role:

Business community engagement

- Increase the number of businesses signed up to Clean Blue Paros from 80 to 200 by November 2020.
- Work with 150 businesses to ensure by 1st December 2020 they have all:
 - Completed the Clean Blue single-use plastic audit, to understand and record the volume and types of single-use plastic the business currently uses.
 - Achievable targets to radically reduce the businesses single-use plastic are agreed, recorded and celebrated.
 - Support is provided and networked to develop alternative to plastics systems.
 - Progress and innovation are shared across our networks to inspire support and policy change in Greece and globally.
 - Engaged with separate collection of PET and PP plastic waste to achieve optimal recycling value.
- Support the Project Manager and Country Director to implement and coordinate circular economy pilot projects.

Project Management

- Responsible delivering Clean Blue activities on Paros according to agreed project timeline and budget.
- Report progress weekly to Common Seas against agreed key performance indicators.
- Maintain and report on budget and expenditure.
- Capture the learnings from the community to share with other islands, the Alliance and Common Seas.
- Liaise with Athens based National Director to ensure alignment with national plan.

Working environment

The job will be based on Paros working closely with the Project Manager, the Community Coordinator and members of the Municipality of Paros, local Paros Businesses and WATT. You will be closely supported by Common Seas Greece Country Director.

How to apply

Please apply by sending your CV and one page covering letter explaining how your career to date equips you for the role to hello@commonseas.com by 6th March 2020. Please title your email 'JOB: Business Engagement Lead'.