

**Call for an MSc student in Environmental Studies 2022-23**

**Title:** The coproduction of agroecology policy

**Specialisation to which it is directed:** Global change and Ecological economics

**Research context:** In recent years, Catalonia has experienced an increase in commons initiatives characterized by a governance model in which the direct users of the goods and services produced are also responsible for producing and / or managing them collectively. At the same time, new frameworks of collaboration have been established between these commons initiatives, the public administration and the cooperative sector, which has given rise to a new form of management called commons-led coproduction or public-community-cooperative management. The master's thesis would be framed as a continuation of the research project *Commons Coproduction in the Barcelona Metropolitan Area* (Càtedra Barcelona UPF-2019) where a first exploration of this type of management was made at the scale of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and the Horizon 2020 INTERLACE project which aims to promote urban restorative nature-based solutions.

**Description and objectives of the MSc thesis:** the research aims to analyse the coproduction process of the policy instrument “La Mimosa” that promotes the access to healthy, fair, of quality and proximity food to vulnerable/marginalised social groups by becoming members of an agroecological food Cooperative. The policy has been led by the Granollers City Council, the Agrofood Cooperative La Magrana Vallesana and social charities. The MSc thesis will explore the benefits of this policy instrument, the current challenges of this type of commons-led coproduction, particularly the involvement of vulnerable/marginalized social groups; which responses are generated by the public administration to cooperate with commons initiatives and cooperatives and the self-organisation of the community and cooperative fabric to engage in commons-led coproduction. At the methodological level, the research includes data collection through conducting semi-structured interviews with key actors, the development of indicators to assess the policy instrument and a workshop. We expect that a revised version of the MSc Thesis could be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for publication.

**Requisites of the student:** The candidate should be a student of the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability (MEISAES, ICTA-UAB). She/he must be fluent in Spanish and English (fluency in Catalan would be valued).

**Technical details:** The thesis will be supervised by Dr Sara Maestre Andrés (ICTA) and Dr Johannes Langemeyer (ICTA).

**If you are interested on writing your MSc thesis on this topic, please contact**

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