

## Searching for agents of change: creators of sustainability

The discourse of sustainability can be understood as a social, political, scientific, public and permanent discourse on nature, the environment and the future of society.

On the 25 of September 2015, a set of global objectives to eradicate poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all, was officially adopted as part of a new agenda for sustainable development of the United Nations, with specific goals to achieve in the next 15 years.

These objectives impose processes of learning and action including all social levels.

However, the conviction to provoke things and to be able to intentionally influence events -with the help of our own effort- is not present in all people alike. While some people think that their situation is created only by the circumstances, others assume their own responsibility in the development of facts. There are also those who assign their successes to their own ability and the failures to external influences.

**The Program "Managers of Sustainable Development" of the School for Sustainability** develops an offer of training to promote action and taking initiative for sustainable development. It aims to address four concrete objectives of sustainable development in its initial stage:

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being

Goal 7: Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

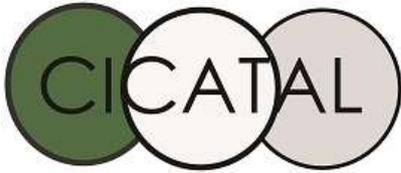
Goal 9: Resilient infrastructures, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 12: Sustainable consumption and production patterns

**The didactic principles of this program are:**

- The inherent complexity of Sustainability as a field of knowledge (the central characteristic of Sustainability is complexity and interconnection, so the treatment of problems in this area is also complex, multifaceted and demands new strategies and solutions, involving the need to develop new knowledge)
- Systemic thinking
- Inter- and transdisciplinary action
- Intercultural competence
- Responsible action
- Self-managed transformative action

**In this context, we invite experts interested in knowledge management for Sustainability to submit content proposals for online courses and therefore being part of the creation of a more sustainable world, taking into account the following:**



- 1) In this first stage, short and long courses will be developed, focused on the objectives mentioned in this invitation. Short courses will last four calendar weeks. Long courses will last three months.
- 2) The courses of this first stage will be taught in Spanish, but the development of content can be done in English, German or Spanish.
- 3) The target group for all courses are young professionals, both from natural and social sciences, motivated and committed with the promotion of collective action in their living and working places, at different levels.
- 4) The courses will have the approach of "learning by doing".
- 5) For the elaboration of contents, the interested experts will receive a complete guide of design, formats and templates, that will facilitate the work.
- 6) The courses will be implemented using a platform and technological resources of high effectiveness and performance.
- 7) Experts interested in developing content should send their expression of interest until the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 by e-mail (to [ecrece@ci-cat.com](mailto:ecrece@ci-cat.com)).
- 8) This expression of interest should include: if they are interested in developing short or long courses, the name of the course proposed, the date from which they are available to start the work (which will last for a month or two, depending on whether the course is short or long), general purpose of the course (and its link to one of the sustainable development goals included in this invitation), why the course is relevant for the target group, hours of study that the participant must dedicate to the course and if they are interested only in the development of content or are also interested being a tutor for the developed course.

**"THE TRUE EDUCATION IS PRAXIS, REFLECTION AND ACTION OF THE MEN ABOUT THE WORLD TO TRANSFORM IT " Paulo Freire.**