



## **EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

### **Call for Expression of Interest - remunerated external experts**

### **Profile – Disease-specific surveillance, prevention, and control**

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#### **1. BACKGROUND**

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is an EU Agency aimed at strengthening Europe's defenses against infectious diseases and it works in three key strategic areas: it provides evidence for effective and efficient decision-making, it strengthens public health systems, and it supports the response to public health threats. Apart from support to EU/EEA countries, ECDC is providing technical assistance to EU candidate and potential candidates (EU Enlargement) countries and European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) partner countries.

#### **2. DISEASE-SPECIFIC WORK OF ECDC**

ECDC provides support related to specific diseases and public health issues to EU Member States, EEA countries, the European Commission and other partners, thus strengthening EU level and national disease specific prevention and control programmes and initiatives. Through the disease networks, ECDC maintains a close link and an intensive dialogue with the national authorities and public health institutes in the countries, in coordination with the European Commission and WHO Europe. The majority of ECDC's outputs comes from the Disease Programmes Unit, guided and supported by the Scientific Methods and Standards and Public Health Functions Units.

ECDC validates, analyses, and interprets surveillance data, assesses, and communicates the results in order to provide evidence for policymaking and action at EU and country level, and improves surveillance systems for the respective diseases in collaboration with external partners (WHO and other EU or UN agencies). Furthermore, by providing scientific advice and tailored country support, it supports Member States in their efforts to combat cross-border health threats related to communicable diseases and to reach related EU and Global Action Plans and UN Sustainable Development Goal targets. Disease network and other expert meetings for the specific diseases and health conditions, are held regularly for scientific discussions, information, and good practice exchange.

To support the delivery of mentioned outputs, ECDC invites experts to express their interest to provide their expertise in the following areas:

Areas of expertise	Expected tasks:
<p>In the areas of relevance to ECDC current and proposed extended mandate (i.e., related to one or more of the diseases, disease groups, and public health issues covered by ECDC remit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• public health</li> <li>• epidemiology</li> <li>• microbiology and related biomedical sciences, incl. bacteriology, virology, parasitology, immunology and whole genome sequencing,</li> <li>• vaccinology</li> <li>• health sciences, incl. clinical medicine and nursing, including clinical infectious diseases</li> <li>• evidence-based medicine</li> <li>• mathematical modelling, incl. forecasting</li> <li>• biostatistics</li> <li>• programmatic expertise (e.g., monitoring and evaluation of health systems and preventive programmes)</li> <li>• policy making/health strategy development</li> <li>• behavioural insights</li> <li>• health promotion</li> <li>• antimicrobial resistance, healthcare-associated infections and related issues</li> <li>• infection prevention control in healthcare settings and the community</li> <li>• one health aspects of communicable diseases, incl, veterinary, environmental and climate change aspects</li> <li>• substances of human origin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare draft evidence reviews</li> <li>• Prepare drafts of scientific advice documents</li> <li>• Prepare technical reports</li> <li>• Perform scoping reviews</li> <li>• Perform systematic reviews</li> <li>• Conduct surveys</li> <li>• Provide training/workshop</li> <li>• Support or perform mathematical modelling</li> <li>• Support or perform statistical analysis</li> <li>• Be available to participate in expert panels</li> <li>• Provide consultancy to a country</li> </ul>

Communication between and ECDC and experts will be done in English.

### 3. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE PROFILE

In order to be eligible, the following selection criteria must be fulfilled:

- a. University or post-university degree in a field relevant to any of the areas of expertise listed above.
- b. Proven experience (minimum three years) in any of the areas of expertise listed above.
- c. Good writing skills and analytical skills.
- d. Quality-driven, service-minded and result-oriented.
- e. Minimum C1<sup>1</sup> level of English.
- f. Good knowledge of MS Office.

<sup>1</sup> Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (<http://www.coe.int/lang-cefr>)

The selection criteria will be verified against the CV in the Expert Directory. Candidates who do not meet the selection criteria will not be considered for assignments.

#### **4. PLACE OF DELIVERY**

The assignment can be delivered in the country of residence of selected experts. Follow-up field visits to partner countries or specific tasks carried out in the premises of ECDC might be required, in which case these costs will be reimbursed separately in accordance with the contract. Regular virtual meetings with ECDC may be organised during the assignment as per contracted agreement.

#### **5. TIME LIMIT TO EXPRESS INTEREST FOR THIS PROFILE AND VALIDITY OF THE LIST**

The list resulting from this notice is valid until 10/10/2026. Interested parties may submit an expression of interest at any time prior to the last 3 months of validity of the list, meaning no later than 10/07/2026.

#### **6. EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

Before being offered a contract, any selected candidate must provide a declaration of honour (see link at [Declaration of honour](#)), signed and dated by an authorised representative, stating that they are not in one of the situations of exclusion listed in that declaration of honour.

#### **7. HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST**

Experts may express their interest to this profile by uploading their CV to [ECDC expert directory](#) and inserting the Reference Number of this call for expression of interest from a drop-down list under the tab "Reference" in Expert Directory.