

Executive Assistant

Unit: Director's Office

Reference: ECDC/AST/2022/DIR-EA

Applications are invited for the above Temporary Agent post at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

Job description

ECDC plans to recruit one person for the above-mentioned vacancy. ECDC also aims to establish a reserve list, which may be used for any future vacancies in the area.

The Jobholder will report to the Group Leader of the Support Group to the Director.

He/She will be responsible in particular for the following areas of work, supporting the Director under the lead of the Group Leader:

- Schedule appointments, maintain and update the daily calendar;
- Draft and review correspondence and invitations;
- Organise internal and external meetings, including logistics, budget preparations and minute taking;
- Preparation and coordination of high-level visits to the Centre;
- Assist in organising internal staff events, including budget preparations;
- Support the Group Leader;
- Act as a Focal Point for Unit-wide activities;
- Support in the daily running of the office of the Director;
- Any other tasks related to his/her area of work as requested.

Qualifications and experiences required

A. Formal requirements

In order to be an eligible candidate you need to fulfil a set of formal requirements. These requirements are:

- A level of post-secondary education of at least 3 years attested by a diploma¹ and at least 6 years of professional experience² after that diploma; or a level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education and at least 9 years of professional experience after that diploma;
- Thorough knowledge of one of the official EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another official EU language to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties³;
- Nationality of one of the EU Member States or of Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;
- To be entitled to his or her full rights as a citizen⁴;
- To have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws on military service;
- Meet the character requirements for the duties involved; and
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post.

B. Selection criteria

To qualify for this post, we have identified essential criteria with regard to professional experience and personal characteristics/interpersonal skills. These are:

Professional experience/knowledge:

- At least 3 years (following the award of the diploma) of professional experience acquired in positions relevant to the job description;
- Proven experience of working as an assistant to senior management within a multicultural working environment, preferably in an EU or international organisation;
- Proven experience in organising high-level meetings;
- Proven experience in managing complex administrative work requiring the use of independent judgment and initiative;
- Excellent knowledge of the Microsoft Office package (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, MS Teams and Outlook);
- Excellent level of English, both written and spoken.

¹ Only diplomas and certificates that have been awarded in EU member states or that are the subject of equivalence certificates issued by authorities in the said Member States shall be taken into consideration

² Compulsory military service is always taken into consideration

³ Candidates with a non-official EU language or English as their mother tongue must provide proof of their level of a second language with a certificate (B1 or more).

In addition, in order to be eligible for a promotion through an annual promotion exercise the staff members have to have a working knowledge of a third EU language, as described in the applicable Staff Regulations and Implementing Rules.

⁴ Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate from the police file to the effect of non-existing criminal record.

Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:

- High level of service orientation and the ability to adapt to changing organisational needs;
- Exceptionally well organised and methodical, with the ability to cope with conflicting priorities;
- Excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing;
- Very high level of tact, discretion and ability to handle confidential matters;
- High capacity to work under pressure, with multiple tasks and within tight deadlines.

Depending on the number of applications received, the selection committee may apply stricter requirements within the aforementioned selection criteria.

Equal Opportunities

ECDC is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria without any distinction on grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, gender or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities.

Appointment and conditions of employment

The jobholder will be appointed on the basis of a shortlist proposed by the Selection Committee to the Director. This vacancy notice is the basis for the establishment of the Selection Committee's proposal. Candidates will be requested to undergo written tests. Candidates should note that the proposal may be made public and that inclusion in the shortlist does not guarantee recruitment. The shortlist of candidates will be established following an open selection process.

The successful candidate will be recruited as a Temporary Agent, pursuant to article 2f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, for a period of five years which may be renewed. The appointment will be in grade **AST4**.

Applicants should note the requirement under the EU staff regulations for all new staff to successfully complete a probationary period of nine months.

For any further information on contractual and working conditions, please refer to the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, which are available at the following link:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01962R0031-20140501>

The place of employment will be Stockholm, where the Centre has its activities.

Reserve list

A reserve list may be created and used for recruitment, should similar vacancies arise. It will be valid until 31 December of the same year as the application deadline and may be extended.

Application procedure

To apply for this vacancy, please create/ log in to your account via ECDC's e-recruitment system, complete all required sections of the application and submit it. **ECDC does not accept applications submitted by e-mail, mail, or any other means.**

The closing date for the submission of applications is on **24 October 2022, 11:59:59** (midday) Stockholm time. You are advised to submit your application well ahead of the deadline in case you face technical issues and/or if there is heavy traffic on the website. ECDC will not accept any applications after the deadline. Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an automatic e-mail message confirming receipt of your application. Please ensure that the email address you provide for your applicant account is correct and that you check your email regularly.

You can find an e-recruitment user guide and a guide on the ECDC recruitment and selection process on our website:

<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/work-us/recruitment-process>

Due to the large volume of applications received, only candidates selected for interviews will be notified.

You can find the translation of this vacancy notice in all EU languages here:

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-ecdc/work-ecdc/recruitment/vacancies/vacancy-translations>