

Expert Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control

Unit: Various

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

Job description

The jobholder will contribute to the ECDC broad work on communicable diseases prevention and control. Depending on the profile of the candidate and the needs of the Centre at the time, the work will either be specifically related to any of our disease areas, Coronavirus and Influenza (CAI), Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunisation (VPI), STI, Blood-Borne Viruses and TB (SBT), Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections (ARHAI), Food- and Waterborne Disease (FWD) or Emerging, and Vector-borne Diseases (EVED), in the Disease Programme Unit, or more cross-cutting work on Emergency Preparedness and Response Support (EPRS) in the Public Health Functions Unit.

ECDC is both looking to immediately recruit 6 Experts in the CAI, SBT and EPRS areas, but also wishes to establish a reserve list suitable for the broad areas of work listed above.

Dependent on the profile and expertise of the candidate and the needs of the specific position to be filled, the jobholder will be responsible in particular for activities in the following areas of work:

- Support EU/EEA Member States and the European Commission through scientific evidence, systematic literature reviews, technical reports, guidance documents, simulation exercises, in- and after-action reviews, and country visits;
- Analysis, interpretation and dissemination of surveillance and other epidemiological data;
- Contribute to the further development of epidemiological and microbiological tools (data bases, analysis packages, information exchange systems) and training materials;
- Actively liaise and collaborate with internal and external stakeholders and participate in relevant ECDC networks to strengthen ECDC's cooperation with EU/EEA Member States;
- Liaise with key stakeholders from the EU/EEA Member States and partner organisations to assess needs for ECDC support;

- Provide expert advice to the EU/ EEA Member States for the monitoring, interpretation and assessment of communicable disease threats and related risk perceptions;
- Contribute to the timely production of high quality and evidence-based rapid risk/outbreak assessments and other outputs in response to communicable disease threats;
- Participate in field deployments to support response missions in EU/EEA Member States and third countries, in collaboration with EU stakeholders and non-EU partners;
- Project manage service contracts with external contractors;
- Contribute to other activities of ECDC, as required, in his/her field of expertise;
- May be asked to contribute to the 24/7 duty system of ECDC.

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 education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma¹
- 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 duties²;
- 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 citizen³;
- 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 5 years professional experience (following the award of the diploma), of which at least 3 years' experience acquired in positions relevant to the job description;
- University or post graduate degree within the field of medicine, biomedical sciences, public health, epidemiology or other field relevant to the position, alternatively, a post-

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 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.

³ 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.

graduate diploma from a Field Epidemiology Training Programme (EPIET or equivalent national programme);

- Proven work experience (preferably including in national and/or international coordination roles) in the area of communicable disease prevention and control at national and/or international level, and/ or proven work experience in emergency preparedness, threat detection and/or outbreak investigation;
- Proven experience and skills in epidemiological data analysis using statistical software (preferably R) as well as interpretation of other scientific information;
- Proven experience in communicating scientific information to public health professionals as well as to a wider audience, especially through oral presentations and by publishing scientific articles;
- Excellent level of English, both written and spoken.

Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:

- Quality driven and service minded;
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong working relationships;
- Results orientated and ability to take initiative;
- Strong organisational skills and ability to work under pressure.
- Excellent analytical skills.

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 **AD 5**.

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 the **8th of November 2022 at 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.