

Scientific Officer Infectious Disease Epidemiology

Unit: Public Health Functions

Reference: ECDC/FGIV/2020/PHF-SOIDE

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

The Centre is currently looking to fill several Scientific Officer Infectious Disease Epidemiology vacancies in the areas of **surveillance, epidemic intelligence, emergency preparedness and response**.

Job description

The Jobholder will be placed in the Public Health Functions Unit and report to the relevant group leader or Head of Section.

He/She will be responsible in particular for the following areas of work:

- Contribute to the day-to-day activities within general surveillance or epidemic intelligence or emergency preparedness or response;
- Contribute to running, maintaining and further developing relevant systems, tools, processes and outputs;
- Produce technical reports, peer-reviewed scientific articles and oral presentations;
- Actively liaise and collaborate with internal and external stakeholders, as required;
- Procure external services in line with EU public procurement rules, as required;
- Support capacity building, including training, in Member States, EU enlargement countries, European Neighbourhood Policy countries and the African CDC in his/her area of work, as required;
- Contribute to the ECDC response and 24/7 epidemic intelligence duty rosters as well as to public health emergency response, as required;
- Any other tasks related to his/her area of work, as required.

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:

- Completed university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least 1 year ¹;
- 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** in regard of professional experience/knowledge and personal characteristics/interpersonal skills.

Professional experience/knowledge:

- University degree in public health, epidemiology or a related area;
- At least 3 years, following the award of the diploma, of professional experience acquired in positions relevant to the job description, i.e. either surveillance/epidemic intelligence or emergency preparedness/response;
- Proven experience in infectious disease epidemiological data analysis at regional, national and/or international level;
- Proven experience in communicating scientific information through technical reports, peer-reviewed articles or oral presentations;
- Advanced skills in statistical software (preferably R) or ArcGIS;
- Excellent level of English, both written and spoken.

Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Quality driven and service minded;
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong working relationships;
- Results oriented;

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).

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.

- Ability to work under pressure and manage responsibilities.

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 may 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 contract agent, pursuant to article 3a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, for a limited period of four or two years in accordance with the applicable (project) funding. The contract may be renewed. The appointment will be in **Function Group IV**.

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

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 please send a completed application to Recruitment@ecdc.europa.eu clearly indicating the vacancy reference and your family name in the subject line of the email.

For your application to be valid you must complete all required sections of the application form, which should be submitted in Word or PDF format and preferably in English⁴. Any incomplete applications will be considered invalid.

⁴ This vacancy notice has been translated into all official EU languages from its English original. As the language of day-to-day operations in the Agency is generally English, ECDC prefers to receive the application in English.

The ECDC application form can be found on our website here:

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

The closing date for the submission of applications and further information regarding the status of this selection procedure, as well as important information regarding the recruitment process, is noted on our website and can be found using the above link.

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