

Expert Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections

Unit: Disease Programmes

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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

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 Head of Disease Programme Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections.

The jobholder will be responsible in particular for the following areas of work:

- Co-ordinate ECDC's activities on surveillance of antimicrobial consumption in humans under the European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Consumption Network (ESAC-Net), including meetings of the Disease Network Coordinating Committee, protocol updates, data calls, data validation, data analysis, and annual reports and other publications;
- Contribute to the planning, development and implementation of systems for data management, analysis and dissemination of surveillance data on antimicrobial consumption and other relevant information from the ECDC and the European Health Data Space;
- Assist EU/EEA countries in strengthening their national surveillance of antimicrobial consumption in humans;
- Establish close links between ECDC and national/international bodies with relation to surveillance of antimicrobial consumption, and to other relevant networks, partners and stakeholders;
- Collaborate with other EU agencies on the reporting of data on surveillance of antimicrobial consumption and of antimicrobial resistance;
- Assist in and contribute to the planning and execution of ECDC activities on the surveillance of antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections;

- Procure studies and consultancies in relevant areas, and be prepared to initiate, carry out and/or supervise feasibility studies commissioned by ECDC;
- Contributing to other activities of ECDC as required, within his/her field of competence;
- 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 degree within the field of public health, epidemiology, medicine or another related area;
- Proven experience in or knowledge of designing, implementing, running or evaluating surveillance systems for antimicrobial consumption at national or international level;
- Proven experience and skills in data analysis and interpretation of scientific information on antimicrobial consumption, and in analytical epidemiology applied to antimicrobial consumption using statistical software packages;
- Proven experience in communicating scientific information to authorities, peers as well as to a wider audience, especially through oral presentations and by publishing scientific

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.

articles evidenced by at least one publication as a first author in a peer-reviewed journal;

- Good knowledge of the relevant EU policies and activities with regard to antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial consumption, drivers of antimicrobial consumption and the relationship between antimicrobial consumption and antimicrobial resistance;
- Excellent command 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 oriented and ability to take initiative;
- Excellent analytical skills;
- Strong organisational skills and ability to work under pressure.

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 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.

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 is on 25 October 2021 at 23:59. 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.

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.