

Expert Infectious Diseases Epidemiology

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

The jobholder will contribute to the work of one or more of ECDC's disease programmes: Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunisation (VPI), Coronavirus and Influenza (CAI), STI, Blood-Borne Viruses and TB (SBT), Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections (ARHAI) and Emerging, Food- and Vector-Borne Diseases (EFVED). ECDC is now looking to recruit Experts for the VPI programme, but also wishes to establish a reserve list suitable for all disease programmes.

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

- Coordinate and/or contribute to scientific studies, systematic literature reviews and disease specific projects in his/her field of expertise;
- Provide input to activities focused on the analysis and interpretation of disease specific surveillance and other epidemiological data and support the response stemming from such data;
- Produce ECDC guidance documents, technical reports and expert opinions in his/ her area of expertise;
- Provide expert advice to the EU/ EEA Member States for the monitoring, interpretation and assessment of public health threats and risk perception related to a specific disease area and prepare responses to requests for scientific advice from the Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament;
- Liaise with key stakeholders from the EU/EEA Member States and partner organisations to assess needs with respect to scientific advice support required;
- 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 epidemiologist positions in one or more of the following areas: antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections, emerging and vector-borne diseases, food- and waterborne diseases and zoonoses, STI including HIV and blood-borne viruses, influenza, tuberculosis, vaccine-preventable diseases;
- University degree within the field of public health, epidemiology, medicine or another related area;
- Proven work experience in the area of communicable disease prevention and control at national and/or international level;
- Proven experience and skills in data analysis and interpretation of scientific information and in analytical epidemiology using statistical software, preferably in-depth experience and knowledge of the R software;

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.

- Proven experience in communicating scientific information to authorities, peers as well as to a wider audience, especially through oral presentations and by publishing scientific articles evidenced by at least one publication as a first author in a peer-reviewed journal;
- Excellent level of English, both written and spoken.

Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:

- Quality driven and service minded;
- Results oriented and ability to take initiative;
- Excellent analytical skills;
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong working relationships;
- 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 complete successfully 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.

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.

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.