

A circular inset image showing a large, multi-story red brick building with many windows, likely the ECDC headquarters. The building is surrounded by greenery and flags. The image is framed by concentric grey circles.

Vacancy: Senior Expert Respiratory Diseases – Legionnaires' disease

Unit: Surveillance and Response Support
Reference: ECDC/AD/2018/SRS-SERD

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

Job description

The Jobholder will report to the Head of Section Epidemic Intelligence and Response.

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

- Coordinate the development, implementation and day-to-day operation of the surveillance of Legionnaires' Disease in the EU through the European Legionnaires' Disease Surveillance Network (ELDSNet);
- Coordinate the surveillance data analysis, reporting and dissemination of information on Legionnaires' Disease;
- Establish close links between the Centre and national/international bodies responsible for the surveillance of Legionnaires' Disease, as well as links with other relevant networks, partners and stakeholders;
- Commission and project manage studies and consultancies in relevant areas, but also be prepared to initiate, carry out and/or supervise feasibility studies regarding Legionnaires' Disease;
- Provide input into relevant ECDC-funded projects on respiratory diseases, with a main focus on Legionnaires' Disease;
- Assist Member States in strengthening surveillance systems for respiratory diseases, especially for Legionnaires' Disease;
- Assist Member States in the event of a Legionnaires' Disease outbreak;
- Contribute to other activities of ECDC, as required, in his/her field of expertise;
- Coordinate and actively contribute to the Legionnaires' Disease duties in ECDC;
- Contribute to the Response and 24/7 duty systems 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 attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more, or a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least three years¹;
- At least 9 years of professional experience² (following the award of the diploma);
- Thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the Communities and a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the Communities 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 5 years of professional experience acquired in positions relevant to the job description;
- Proven experience in setting up/running national or international surveillance for respiratory diseases and particularly on Legionnaires' Disease;
- Proven experience in methods to validate and analyse data on respiratory diseases, particularly for Legionnaires' Disease, as well as in communicating the results of these analyses to authorities, the scientific community and to wider audiences;

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 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.

- Experience on working with laboratory networks and/or laboratory surveillance programmes;
- Thorough familiarity with activities and policies within the EU as regards the prevention and control of the main respiratory diseases and specifically for Legionnaires' Disease;
- Experience in project management and of leading experts or multidisciplinary teams;
- 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;
- Committed to continuous learning and keeping abreast of developments within their field of expertise;
- Excellent analytical skills;
- Ability to empower, motivate and lead others.

We have also identified experiences and skills that are advantageous for this post. These are:

- A higher post graduate degree in public health, epidemiology, or related areas;
- Experience in supporting software developers in maintenance and development of data applications;
- Sound knowledge in medical statistical methods (using STATA), informatics and database management.

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

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 Temporary Agent, pursuant to article 2f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, for a period of five years which may be renewed. The appointment will be in grade **AD 8**.

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:

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Documents/Staff_Regulations_2014.pdf

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 English⁵. Any incomplete applications will be considered invalid.

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

<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/work-us/vacancies>

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.

⁵ This vacancy notice has been translated into all 24 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.