



**Vacancy: Scientific Officer Epidemic Intelligence**  
**Unit: Surveillance and Response Support Unit**  
**Reference: ECDC/FGIV/2018/SRS-SOEI**

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

### **Job description**

The jobholder will report to the Group Leader Epidemic Intelligence and work closely with the disease-specific programmes, ICT and the communication unit in the Centre.

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

- Routine threat detection and threat assessment activities within the unit;
- Support the continuous development and strengthening of epidemic intelligence activities within ECDC, including development of IT tools, web-platforms, procedures and practices;
- Contribute to the development of the improved version of the ECDC Threat Tracking Tool;
- Participate to the liaison and active collaboration with disease experts within ECDC and in the Member States, with a specific focus on the strengthening of the early detection of threats;
- Help training ECDC and MS experts in the field of Epidemic Intelligence;
- Collaborate with European and international partners in epidemic intelligence activities;
- Assist Member States in the early detection and assessment of communicable disease threats and provide expertise and training as required;
- Maintain databases and maps for the monitoring of public health threats;
- Participate in the Epidemic Intelligence Support Officer roster and the ECDC 24/7 duty system;
- Any other tasks related to his/her area of work as requested.

## Qualifications and experiences required

### A. Formal requirements

In order to be an eligible candidate the jobholder needs to meet a set of formal requirements.

These requirements are:

- Completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least one year <sup>1</sup>;
- 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 duties<sup>2</sup>;
- 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 citizen<sup>3</sup>;
- 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 another related field;
- At least 3 years, (following the award of the diploma), of professional experience acquired in positions related to the duties as outlined in the job description;
- Proven experience in epidemic intelligence activities at either local, national or EU level;
- Good understanding of existing epidemic intelligence tools and familiarity with its related ICT;
- Excellent command of English, both spoken and written.

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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 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.

*Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:*

- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Strong inter-personal skills and ability to work well in team;
- Ability to work under pressure and manage responsibilities.
- Quality driven and service minded;
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong working relationships;
- Results orientated.

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

- Familiarity with activities within the EU with regard to preparedness and response to health threats;
- Competence in the use and application of information technology tools and platforms, especially EXCEL and ARCGIS;
- Knowledge of additional EU languages.

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 contract agent, pursuant to article 3a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, for a period of five years. 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:

[http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Documents/Staff\\_Regulations\\_2014.pdf](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](mailto: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 English<sup>4</sup>. Any incomplete applications will be considered invalid.

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

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Pages/JobOpportunities.aspx>

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.

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<sup>4</sup> 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.