



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Call for expression of interest for Seconded National Experts (ECDC/2018/SNE)

Applications are invited for the secondment at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The aim of secondment is to enhance and develop the relationship between ECDC and national institutions throughout Member States of the European Union.

The Centre is located in Stockholm, Sweden. The legal base for the Centre is Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control¹.

General description of the tasks and role of the ECDC

The mission of the Centre is to identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats to human health from communicable diseases. Within this broad mission statement, the main technical tasks of the Centre fall into the following four categories:

- a. Scientific opinions, bringing together technical expertise in specific fields through its various EU-wide networks and via ad hoc scientific panels;
- b. Technical assistance and communication about its activities and results, and disseminating information tailored to meet the needs of its different audiences;
- c. Epidemiological surveillance and networking of laboratories, i.e. the development of epidemiological surveillance at European level and the maintenance of networks of reference laboratories;
- d. Early Warning and Response, based on 'round the clock' availability of specialists in communicable diseases.

¹ Official Journal No. L 142 of 30 April 2004, page 1

See also the Centre home page at <http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/Pages/home.aspx>

The work in the Centre is characterised by a high level of professionalism and efficiency. We believe each and every staff member's contribution is important in making the Centre a good place to work with a strong team spirit. We can offer an opportunity of being an important part of a dynamically developing European Agency.

The Centre is organised in the Director's Office and five units: the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Surveillance and Response Support Unit, the Public Health Capacity and Communication Unit, the Resource Management and Coordination Unit and the Information and Communication Technologies Unit. **ECDC strives to be a quality-driven, service-minded organisation that acts as one team.** We expect all staff to live these values.

The Centre is especially looking for candidates in the following areas:

- Vaccine-preventable diseases, including influenza
- HIV/AIDS, sexual transmitted infections and viral hepatitis

The seconded national expert will work for the [Vaccine-preventable Diseases Programme](#) or the [Influenza and other Respiratory Viruses Programme](#) or the [HIV/AIDS, sexual transmitted infections and viral hepatitis Programme](#) and be placed in the [Surveillance and Response Support Unit](#) in one of the following sections:

- Surveillance
- Epidemic intelligence and response
- Scientific assessment
- Epidemiological methods

Qualifications and experiences required

In order to qualify for secondment at ECDC, candidates need to meet the following criteria:

- Current employment in the national, regional or local public sector or international civil service (alternatively candidates may be employed in non-profit or voluntary sector) for at least 12 months before the start of secondment and guarantee to remain in the service of the current employer throughout the period of secondment;
- Thorough knowledge of one of the Community languages and a very good command of English, which is the working language in the Centre;
- Preferably nationality of one of the EU Member States or the EEA/EFTA Member States or an accession country; exceptionally candidates with another nationality can be considered for secondment;
- At least three years' relevant experience in a scientific or public health function related to the above mentioned disease programmes.

General conditions of secondment

During the period of the secondment, the national expert remains in employment by the respective national institution and is paid by the employer including the continuation of social security and pension rights coverage. Therefore, before application is considered, the employer needs to be in full support of possible arrangement with ECDC for a secondment.

The initial duration of secondment is from six months up to two years (to be agreed between the current employer and ECDC). The secondment is renewable once or more but the total duration of secondment cannot exceed four years. Please note that secondment does not lead to subsequent employment at the ECDC.

For any further information, please refer to the Rules applicable to National Experts on the secondment to ECDC, which are available at the following link:

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Pages/seconded-national-expert.aspx>

The place of employment will be Stockholm, where the Centre has its activities.

Declaration of commitment to serve the public interest independently

The seconded national expert will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration in relation to the interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence. The seconded national expert may be asked to divest himself of any interests deemed by ECDC to pose a potential conflict of interest.

Equal opportunities

ECDC applies equal opportunities and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of age, race political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

Application procedure

For application to be valid, you must submit all of the following documents by e-mail:

- A detailed Curriculum Vitae in **European format** (available on <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>);
- A letter of motivation indicating areas of interest and possible time frame of secondment;
- A supporting letter from the employer confirming the wish to second the candidate and the employment of the candidate for the last 12 months and during the whole period of secondment at ECDC.

Applications preferably in the working language of the Centre, which is English, should be sent by e-mail in Word or PDF format to Secondment@ecdc.europa.eu. The application will be rejected if the dossier is incomplete.

The closing date for the submission of applications is ~~28 May 2018~~ **extended to 8 June 2018, at 24:00 Stockholm Time.**

Protection of personal data

Please note that the personal information ECDC requests from applicants will be processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. The purpose of processing of your personal data is to support the selection procedures at ECDC. This processing may involve distribution of this data to other Community institutions. For further information or exercise of your rights (such as the right to access or the right to correct my data), contact can be taken with the Human Resources section.