



Vacancy: Expert Outbreak Response
Unit: Surveillance and Response Support
Reference: ECDC/TA/AD/2017/SRS-EOR

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 Group Leader EU Preparedness and will work as part of the Food- and Waterborne Diseases and Zoonoses programme (FWD).

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

- Support the event-based surveillance activities through the coordination and moderation of the EPIS-FWD platform and ensure the further development of these activities in collaboration with ECDC colleagues, Member States and relevant organisations;
- Support the Centre's activities regarding response to food- and waterborne disease threats in the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries;
- Contribute to the further development of epidemiological and microbiological tools (databases, information exchange systems, specific networks etc.) for food- and waterborne disease outbreak response;
- Support the molecular typing surveillance activities for food- and waterborne diseases and ensure the link with the outbreak response activities within EPIS-FWD;
- Ensure the timely production of high quality and evidence based rapid risk/outbreak assessments and other related outputs of the group in response to potential communicable disease threats;
- Provide training for new users in the EPIS-FWD;
- Contribute to the Unit's and the Centre's key outputs and activities, including the yearly Director's report, Annual Epidemiological Report, etc.;
- Contribute to other activities of ECDC, as required, in his/her field of expertise;
- Contribute to the 24/7 duty system, FWD duty, and the response duty roster 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 three years attested by a diploma¹;
- 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 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 in a relevant area, such as medicine, medical sciences, veterinary, pharmacy, microbiology, infectious diseases or public health;
- Technical and practical experience in detection and investigation of food- and waterborne outbreaks;
- Sound knowledge of tools, particularly analytical epidemiological tools, for outbreak investigation;
- Knowledge and ability to work with databases and informatics tools to manage and share epidemiologic information;
- Experience in project management;
- Proven skills in communicating scientific information to authorities, scientists as well as the general public;

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.

- Excellent level of English, both written and spoken.

Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:

- Quality driven and service minded;
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong multi-disciplinary working relationships;
- Results orientated;
- Excellent analytical skills.

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

- Post graduate training in a public health discipline;
- Good knowledge of EU policies and activities relevant to the tasks listed above;
- Experience in supporting molecular typing surveillance activities.

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 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:

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 English⁴. 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.

⁴ 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.