



## THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

### Call for application for Fellows in the ECDC Fellowship Programme

#### EPIET and EUPHEM paths, EU-track

#### (ECDC/Cohort 2017(2017-2019)-EPIET/EUPHEM)

Candidates are invited to apply for a fellow post in the ECDC Fellowship Programme, *Intervention Epidemiology path* (EPIET) and/or *Public Health Microbiology path* (EUPHEM), EU-track, which is managed by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

The Centre is located in Stockholm, Sweden. The legal base for the Centre is Regulation (EC) N° 851/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control<sup>1</sup>.

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

#### Description of the Training Programme

The ECDC Fellowship Programme is a two-year competency based training with two paths; the field epidemiology path (EPIET) and the public health microbiology path (EUPHEM). Both provide training and practical experience in intervention epidemiology (EPIET) and in public health microbiology (EUPHEM) at national and/or regional centres for surveillance and control of communicable diseases and in laboratories with public health function at collaborative Training Sites in the European Union and European Economic Area Member States (EU/EEA<sup>2</sup>).

The programme is aimed at EU/EEA<sup>2</sup> medical practitioners, public-health nurses, biologists, microbiologists, veterinarians and other health professionals with previous experience in public health and a keen interest in epidemiology and public health microbiology. The programme trains EU/EEA fellows in the core competencies required for the investigation and control of communicable disease threats in and beyond Europe. The programme consists of two tracks, the EU-track and the MS-track (Member State-track). In the EU-track, EU/EEA nationals are trained in a Member State (MS) different from their country/countries of citizenship.

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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal No. L 142 of 30 April 2004, page 1

<sup>2</sup> Candidates from accession countries that will become EU Member State the same year as the call for applications expires will be eligible to apply to the fellowship.

## **Aim of the training**

Under the professional supervision of the training supervisors at a Training Site, the fellows will carry out activities related to epidemiological and microbiological investigations and interventions, including surveillance, outbreak investigation, applied public health research, laboratory investigation public health management and communication, biorisk management, quality management, and teaching/training.

During the two-year training programme, the fellows will work to meet the following programme objectives:

- To strengthen the surveillance and control of infectious diseases and other cross-border health threats or issues of public health concern in the EU/EEA Member States and at EU level, supporting the implementation of Decision 1082/2013/EU;
- To enhance response capacities for effective field investigation and communicable disease control at national and community level to meet public health threats;
- To strengthen the European network of public health professionals through use of shared standards and methods, good practices and common public health objectives;
- To support cascading of training and capacity building within the Member States;
- To facilitate multi-disciplinary cooperation in the above fields.

The programme's training outcomes are described in detail in the Manual.

The fellows are placed in one of the acknowledged EPIET or EUPHEM Training Sites outside their country/ies of nationality or citizenship. An updated list of training sites available for 2017 will be provided online to the candidates before the selection interviews take place.

Before applying to the EPIET/EUPHEM programme, please read the Manual (including annexes) and the Administrative Guide (See the "Documents & Links" page at [www.epiet.org](http://www.epiet.org)).

## **Qualifications and experience required**

### **Eligibility criteria**

In order to be eligible for the ECDC Fellowship Programme, candidates need to fulfil a set of formal requirements, as follows:

- Be a national of a Member State of EU/EEA;
- Thorough knowledge of at least two official languages of the EU/EEA, one of which shall be English;
- Be entitled to her or his full rights as a citizen;
- Post-secondary education (at the level of Graduate diploma or Masters' diploma) in medicine, epidemiology, biology, microbiology, veterinary medicine, pharmacology, biomedicine, public health or other health sciences, **and**
- At least three years of relevant professional experience; **or**
- A PhD degree or equivalent in a field relevant to the fellowship.

Candidates are screened on the basis of these requirements and on the broadest possible geographical basis from among the EU/EAA Member States;

### **Selection criteria**

#### *Professional skills and experiences*

- Proven experience in public health and/or epidemiology
- Good scientific and computer skills, and a basic knowledge of epidemiology and biostatistics [EPIET]
- Good scientific and computer skills, and skilled in microbiological techniques [EUPHEM]

#### *Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills*

- Strong commitment to field epidemiology/public health microbiology in the EU after the two-year fellowship
- Good organisational skills
- Ability to work under pressure and manage responsibilities
- Good command of English: oral and written

### **Advantageous criteria**

- Sense of independence and inventiveness which would enable a personal input into the programme;
- Sufficient international exposure to interact cautiously with the different cultures, laws and requirements in the Member States.

### **Appointment of EPIET/EUPHEM EU-track fellows**

The Director of the Centre will appoint EU-track fellows on the basis of a shortlist proposed by the EPIET and EUPHEM Selection Committees. This call for application is the basis for the establishment of the Selection Committees' proposal. Candidates should note that the proposal may be made public and that inclusion in the shortlist does not guarantee appointment. The shortlist of candidates will be established following an open selection process. ECDC will financially support the travel of the short-listed candidates to ECDC from the country of citizenship or permanent residence in EU/EEA countries. Further details will be sent to the candidates with the interview invitation.

The fellow will be employed by the Training Site. The fellow will be reimbursed for relocation to the Member State of training within EU/EEA, both for taking up the post and upon completion of the fellowship.

The successful candidates will be required to take up their post on 11 September 2017, the start date of the programme. No later starting date is foreseen, and applications cannot be carried over to subsequent years.

Information about the conditions for EU-track fellows recruited by ECDC can be found in the Administrative Decision at: <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Pages/fellowships.aspx>

## Waiting list

A waiting list will be drawn up by ECDC. It will be valid until 31 August 2017 and may be extended if necessary.

## 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 applications to be valid, you must proceed in two steps:

1. Apply online for your desired path/s, providing the following elements:

- a. Online application form;
- b. Detailed EUROPASS Curriculum Vitae (available on <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> - Personal Information should include: address, date of birth, telephones, emails and nationality/country of citizenship<sup>3</sup>) and;
- c. Letter of motivation.

EPIET: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EPIET-EU-Track2017Application>

EUPHEM: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EUPHEM-EU-Track2017Application>

2. Email the Case id that will be provided through this online submission to [ecdc.epietfellow@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:ecdc.epietfellow@ecdc.europa.eu) clearly indicating Surname, EPIET or EUPHEM and the Case id, in the Subject line. For example: Smith EPIET cfa0f65d-5213-42f2-b46f-de0a9e68f363

Applications must be in English, the working language of the Centre. You may be requested at a later stage to supply documentary evidence in original in support of the statements that you make for this application.

The application will be rejected if the dossier is incomplete.

Your application will be forwarded to the National Focal Point for Training (NFP-T) of your respective EU/EEA Member State/s of nationality and/or citizenship for their review. NFPTs or their delegates might arrange interviews with candidates of their Member State and may score and rank candidates according to the documentation you provide. These scores and ranks are shared with the Selection Committees who will take them into account during the selection process.

Closing date for the submission of applications is **20 December 2016, at 24.00 CET.**

Due to the large volume of applications, only candidates selected for interviews will be notified.

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<sup>3</sup> Please state **all** nationalities and/or countries of citizenship you have. At a later stage, you will be asked to submit proof of nationality/citizenship.

**Privacy statement**

Please note that the personal information ECDC requests from candidates 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