



## Surveillance and Response Support Unit 2017 Traineeship Programme

Applications are invited for the Traineeship Programme at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), within the Surveillance and Response Support Unit (SRS).

### Description of the Surveillance and Response Support Unit

With broad technical expertise in surveillance and response, the SRS Unit aims at ensuring timely detection of communicable disease threats, their assessment and providing support for enabling Member States to mitigate them. The Unit works in four sections:

**Surveillance:** Contributing to reducing the incidence and prevalence of communicable disease in Europe by analysing relevant public health data, and following valid data interpretation, make this information available to decision makers and health professionals in Member States, other public health agencies and key stakeholders, to ensure informed decision making for actions targeted at the timely prevention and control of communicable diseases in Europe.

**Epidemic Intelligence and Response:** Supporting health preparedness at EU level, in front of major risks in the area of infectious diseases and according the principles stated on the Decision of the European Parliament and of the European council on serious cross-border threats to health. Coordinating the response support functions in ECDC in order to provide timely support to Member States and the European Commission regarding requests for risk assessments, threat investigations, and provision of experts in the field when requested.

Ensuring early detection of emerging threats to the EU, their analysis, and the feedback to Member States and stakeholders through daily, weekly and annual threat reports. Maintaining the Emergency Operation Centre, Public Health Event plan and procedures to ensure optimal support to management of public health emergencies.

**Scientific Assessment:** Delivering high quality scientific outputs and keeping high the ECDC presence in the European scientific community, with a particular focus on evidence-based prevention. Strategies, methodologies and priority areas will be defined according to the ECDC strategy for scientific advice production.

**Epidemiological Methods:** Ensuring efficient and harmonised use of the epidemiological and microbiological data collected by ECDC in order for health professionals at EU, national and local level to draw reliable and valid conclusions for guiding appropriate infectious disease prevention and control interventions.

## Description of the Traineeship

The SRS Unit has the opportunity to welcome two Trainees to any of the above listed sections.

## Minimum Requirements

In order to be an eligible candidate you must fulfil the following requirements:

- Be a national of an EU Member State, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;
- Have completed your studies and been awarded a full university degree by the closing date for applications;
- Have a very good command of English (the working language of ECDC). Knowledge of any additional EU languages is considered an asset;
- Have not have previously participated in a formal traineeship or employment (paid or unpaid) within a European institution, agency or body.

## Application procedure

**To apply please send a completed Application Form, in Word or PDF format, together with a copy of your degree award to [traineeship@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:traineeship@ecdc.europa.eu).**

The email subject line should be written as "Traineeship-SRS-Surname". The application will be rejected if the form has not been completed in full or if you fail to attach proof of your awarded degree.

No additional documents should be sent other than the documents specified above. Any false statement or omission, even if unintended, may lead to a cancellation of the application or termination of the traineeship.

Applications for the 2017 Traineeship Programme may be submitted between: **1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**. Only applications submitted during this period will be considered. Due to the large volume of applications only applicants selected for interviews will be notified.

## The Selection process

Candidates will be selected based on their education and experience relevant to the work of the Unit. For detailed information regarding the traineeship programme at ECDC, please refer to the *Rules governing traineeships of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control* available at the following link:

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

## 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.

## 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 your data), contact can be made with the Human Resources section.