The European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, a UN-affiliated intergovernmental organization in Vienna, has a vacancy for a researcher to work on a broad range of issues on labour market, migration and social policy in an international comparative perspective in the UNECE region. These include inequalities (including gender) in employment and social security, evaluation of public policies in these areas, policy analysis and consultancy.

**SENIOR LABOUR MARKET EXPERT**

**Location:** Vienna, Austria

**Starting date:** 1st of September 2018 for an initial duration of 1 year with the possibility of prolongation to open-ended contract (conditional on performance)

**Closing date:** 4th of May 2018

**What are my responsibilities?**

- International comparative research on a broad range of issues related to the labour market, migration and social policies in the UNECE region with an emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe (including the Western Balkan region).
- Evaluation of public policies (focus on integrated approaches) and individual projects in the above-mentioned policy areas from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- Carry out advanced quantitative (bivariate and multivariate statistical analysis) OR qualitative (content analysis, case study) analysis of data on employment and social policy.
- Lead teams at the European Centre during acquisition activities and the designing of research proposals (autonomous acquisition as principal investigator).
- Carry out the daily management of projects and ensure communication with networks of researchers and teams of experts in countries of the UNECE region.
- Contribute to the organization and leading of project meetings and workshops as well as to the dissemination of findings at national and international events.

**What do I need to qualify for this job?**

- PhD plus at least three years of experience in social sciences and/or economics and/or public policy analysis
- Demonstrated experience conducting applied research and/or evaluation in the relevant fields (labour market, migration and social policy) with a proven record of carrying out own research projects. Specific experience in acquisition and project management (small or medium-sized teams) of projects funded by international institutions such as the EC is required.
- Sound expertise on European labour market systems and/or social policy, and/or social policy analysis, with an emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe (including the Western Balkan region).
- Very good knowledge of quantitative methods (good knowledge of statistical software packages – preferably STATA) OR very good knowledge of qualitative methods (e.g. content analysis, participatory research, case study) OR mixed methods.
• Extensive knowledge and experience using European comparative datasets (e.g. EU-LFS, EU-SILC, EQLS) is an asset for candidates with a quantitative research methods background.
• Team spirit and ability to work in a multicultural work environment on interdisciplinary aspects of social inclusion.
• A track record of publications (peer-reviewed articles but also grey literature, policy papers) will be considered.
• Excellent communication skills and fluency of English language (oral and written), working knowledge of other European languages would be an asset in particular very good knowledge of German or a Central or Eastern European language.
• Proven international networking skills.

The European Centre offers interdisciplinary co-operation, independence, autonomy at work and flexible working hours. The European Centre is an equal opportunity employer. The annual gross payment offered is EUR 52,000 (37.5 working hours), possibility of higher salary depending on qualifications and experience.

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