



## EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

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 related to social policy in an international comparative perspective** in the UNECE region. These include social protection (benefits and services), poverty and inequalities (including gender, age), evaluation of public policies in these areas, policy analysis and consultancy.

### **SOCIAL POLICY ANALYST**

**Location:** Vienna, Austria

**Starting date:** Summer 2022 for an initial duration of 1 year with the possibility of prolongation to open-ended contract (conditional on performance)

**Closing date:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### **What are my responsibilities?**

- International comparative research on a broad range of issues related to social policies in the UNECE region with a particular emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe and Eastern European neighborhood (Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries).
- Carry out qualitative (content analysis, case study) analysis of data or quantitative (bivariate and multivariate) statistical analysis, preferable mix methods on various aspects of social inclusion policy (e.g., disability, family/child policy) and social protection (benefits and services).
- Up-to-date knowledge on social support services for marginalized groups (i.e. case management, financing of social services, deinstitutionalization etc.)
- Evaluation of public policies (focus on integrated approaches) and individual projects in the above-mentioned policy areas from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- Contribute to acquisition activities and to the design of research proposals.
- 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 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?**

- Master's degree, in which case at least five years of additional work experience are required, in economics, sociology, public policy analysis, political sciences or related social sciences (PhD would be an additional asset)
- Experience of applied research and policy analysis in the relevant fields with a proven record of carrying out own research projects. Experience in acquisition and project management (small or medium-sized teams) would be an asset.
- Sound expertise on social policy analysis, including on European social protection systems, and/or social inclusion policies, with a particular emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe and Eastern European neighborhood (Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries).



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- Very good knowledge of qualitative methods (e.g. interview techniques, content analysis, participatory research, case study), or quantitative methods (good knowledge of statistical software packages – preferably STATA and /or SPSS), preferable mixed methods.
- Team spirit and ability to work in a multicultural work environment on interdisciplinary aspects of social policies.
- A track record of publications (peer-reviewed articles or/and policy-oriented papers and reports) will be considered.
- Good 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 a Central or Eastern European language (e.g. Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Ukrainian, Polish, Czech, etc.).

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 at least EUR 47,500.– (37.5 working hours), minimum of 30h per week, possibility of higher salary depending on qualifications and experience.

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