



Statistical Assistant in national accounts and GDP: data processing and analysis

Vacancy notice COM/2022/1750

Function group: AST

ESTAT.C.2, Luxembourg

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We are

Eurostat, one of the Directorates-General of the European Commission, is the statistical office of the European Union. Eurostat's mission is to provide high quality statistics and data on Europe.

Eurostat co-ordinates statistical activities at Union level and more particularly inside the Commission. To achieve this, we:

- provide the Commission with the statistical services needed to develop, implement and evaluate policies, notably DG ECFIN for economic policies, DG REGIO for structural policies and DG FISMA for financial policies;
- provide the European Central Bank with key national accounts data for the conduct of monetary policy;
- produce quarterly and annual European accounts aggregates (for the euro area and EU), in particular the headline figures of the Principal European Economic Indicators (GDP accounts, sector accounts and employment);
- ensure, in close cooperation with the National Statistical Authorities, the complete and timely availability of national and regional accounts data; and maintenance and further development of the transmission programme for national accounts;
- contribute to the development of international statistical, methodological and data-sharing standards in all the areas of its responsibility; and
- commit to the continuous improvement of our services and to the excellence in meeting the expectations of internal and external users.

The unit has a pleasant and supportive working atmosphere. There are 30 staff members presently, who are highly dedicated and technically competent.

We propose

There is currently an open vacancy in ESTAT.C.2. According to Article 29 of the Staff Regulations, the appointing authority shall first consider whether the post can be filled in by internal candidates of the Commission, officials from other EU Institutions and laureates of open competitions in that order of priority. The post is therefore also published internally in the Commission and inter-institutionally, and it is also brought to the attention of competition laureates via the appropriate channels. However, should no suitable candidate be found among the aforementioned categories, it will be possible to consider other candidates, for a temporary agent position. For these reasons, any person fulfilling the selection requirements may express his/her interest for the post.

The primary purpose of the job is to assist with the implementation of the statistical programme, ensuring the industrialisation, standardisation and high quality of official European statistics in the domain of national accounts and GDP by contributing to the following areas: collection, validation, analysis and dissemination of data on national accounts main aggregates; preparation of publications; statistical, interpretive and time-series analyses.

The future colleague will work on the validation of data transmitted by Member States and support the compilation of European aggregates for main GDP aggregates, detailed GDP breakdowns and capital stocks. Highly policy relevant indicators for the EU and the euro area are produced based on the previously mentioned areas of national accounts. Specifically, the person will treat the incoming data according to the established validation rules and procedures, exchange information with Member States, as well as with the EEA and enlargement countries, conduct data analysis and answer questions from EU policy users, ECB, OECD and other stakeholders.

She/he will support the team with statistical, interpretive and time-series analyses. Based on her/his previous experience, she/he could contribute to producing statistical estimates and projections. The analyses that she/he will carry out will form the basis for preparing proposals for further development of the data production environment of the team and the Unit.

The future colleague will also prepare publications and information for dissemination on Eurostat's website. This will involve, for instance developing reference metadata, data tables with key indicators, data visualisations and Statistics Explained articles.

We look for

We look for a person with a strong motivation to work in the area of national accounts and some level of understanding of statistical and macroeconomic concepts. Prior experience in national accounts and/or macroeconomic modelling is an advantage.

The candidate should:

- have an education or professional background in statistics and/or economics and/or IT or similar;
- have a good notion about data treatment and statistical analysis;
- have analysis, problem-solving and drafting skills;
- be familiar with some statistical software tools;
- be proactive;
- be a team player who can take initiatives, but also able to work autonomously and is resilient.

Prior experience in statistical data production is an advantage.

The main working language of the unit is English. Knowledge of French or German is an asset.

| | Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production | Writing |
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| English | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |

In order to be eligible for the post, the candidate must, as a minimum, fulfil the following conditions:

- a) be a national of one of the Member States of the Union and enjoy his/her full rights as a citizen;
- b) to have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws concerning military service;
- c) produce the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of his/her duties;
- d) be physically fit to perform his/her duties; and
- e) produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the Union and of a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the Union to the extent necessary for the performance of his duties.

In addition, candidates must have at least:

- a) A level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma, followed by at least 3 years of professional experience in statistics and/or economics and/or IT
- or
- b) Secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education followed by at least 6 years of professional experience in statistics and/or economics and/or IT.

The professional experience requested for the selection procedure above may have been gained, for example, in private companies, in international organisations and/or bodies, EU institutions and/or agencies, national and/or regional administrations, academia, research institutes, industry, non-governmental organisations or as a self-employed activity and will only be taken into account if it:

- constitutes genuine and effective work,
- is remunerated,
- involves a subordinate relationship or the supply of a service, and
- is subject to the following conditions:
 - ✓ traineeships: if remunerated,
 - ✓ compulsory military service: completed before or after the required diploma for a period not exceeding the statutory duration in your Member State,
 - ✓ maternity/paternity/adoption leave: if covered by an employment contract,
 - ✓ doctorate: for a maximum of 3 years, provided the doctorate was actually obtained, and whether or not the work was remunerated, and
 - ✓ part-time work: calculated pro-rata on the basis of the number of hours worked, e.g. half-time for 6 months would count as 3 months.

Selection procedure

No applications will be accepted after the closing date of the vacancy.

The selection panel will choose a limited number of candidates for interview, based on the CV and motivation letter that they submitted.

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

Should they be chosen, candidates will be requested, as part of the actual recruitment procedure, to supply documentary evidence, in original, in support of the statements made in the application.

For functional reasons and in order to complete the selection procedure as quickly as possible in the interest of the candidates as well as that of the institution, the selection procedure will be carried out in English and/or French only.

Should a position be offered, candidates will be required to undergo a mandatory pre-recruitment medical check-up, carried out by the Commission medical service.

Type of contract

The successful candidate will be engaged as a temporary agent under Article 2(b) of the CEOS in **function group AST, grade 3**.

He/she will be classified depending on the length of his/her previous professional experience in step 1 or step 2 within that grade, in accordance with Commission Decision C(2013)8970.

The duration of the contract is for **three years**.

Applicants should note the requirement under the Staff Regulations for all new staff to complete successfully a nine-month 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: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01962R0031-20140501>

Pay

The pay of staff members consists of a basic salary supplemented with specific allowances, including, where applicable, expatriation and family allowances. The provisions guiding the calculation of these allowances can be consulted in the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#).

The place of employment will be in Luxembourg.

How to apply

The interested candidates should send their CV and motivation letter respecting the deadline of the vacancy to the following email address:

ESTAT-HR-BUSINESS-CORRESPONDENT@ec.europa.eu

Please mention in the subject of your application the title of the job: *“Statistical Assistant in national accounts and GDP: data processing and analysis”*.

Appeals

Candidates have the right to submit complaints under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations, should they wish to challenge any act adversely affecting them taken during this procedure. Such complaints may be addressed to the Appeals and Case Monitoring Unit of DG HR (HR-MAIL-E2@ec.europa.eu).

Equal opportunities

The European Commission applies a policy of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in accordance with Article 1d of the Staff Regulations.

Data Protection

Candidates who applied for a vacant post but were not selected, will have their CV's stored in the HR database for a period of 12 (twelve) months in case other mobility opportunities open in the future. This processing falls under the headhunting policy of DG HR and is covered by DP record DPR-EC-14128.

For information related to Data Protection, please see the Specific Privacy Statement on the Eurostat website.