



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 researchers to work in an international comparative perspective** in the UNECE region. The vacancy comprises of **two positions: Social Policy Analyst and Labour Market Expert**.

STATISTICIAN/SOCIAL POLICY ANALYST AND ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET POLICY EXPERT

Location: Vienna, Austria

Starting date: 1st January 2019 for an initial duration of 1 year with the possibility of prolongation to open-ended contract (conditional on performance)

Closing date: 12th September 2018

What are my responsibilities as Statistician/Social Policy Analyst?

- Update and maintenance of the tax-/benefit microsimulation models EUROMOD and SORESI for Austria (editing EU-SILC data, modelling of tax-/benefit rules, producing and analysing statistical output) and work on research projects using these tools
- Conduct advanced quantitative analysis of data on incomes, social benefits or social situation (bivariate and multivariate statistical analysis)
- In-depth national and international comparative research on a broad range of issues related to social policy and welfare systems in Austria, the European Union and beyond, including social security and income maintenance (especially pension, minimum income, etc.)
- Contribute to project acquisition including the design of research proposals
- Contribute to the management of and communication with international networks of researchers and teams of experts as well as to the organization of meetings and to the dissemination of findings at national and international events

What are my responsibilities as Active Labour Market Policy Expert?

- International comparative research on the labour market, especially active labour market policy measures and social inclusion 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 qualitative analysis (content analysis, case study) on employment and social policy
- Contribute to project acquisition including the design of research proposals
- Contribute to the management of and communication with international networks of researchers and teams of experts as well as to the organization of meetings and to the dissemination of findings at national and international events



What do I need to qualify for these positions?

- Master's degree in economics, sociology, public policy analysis or related social sciences
- At least three years of working experience in the area of economics, social sciences or public policy analysis
- For the position as **Statistician/Social Policy Analyst**:
 - Excellent knowledge of quantitative research methods and of the statistical software package STATA incl. command of syntax related to micro household datasets (additional knowledge of qualitative methods or mixed methods would be an asset)
 - Experience with EU-SILC microdata
 - Knowledge of the Austrian tax-/benefit system (social insurance contributions, income tax, monetary benefits); and thus, communication skills and fluency of German language
 - Experience of applied research in relevant fields (experience in tax-/benefit microsimulation would be an asset)
 - Interest in extended statistical modelling and programming
- For the position as **Active Labour Market Policy Expert**:
 - Expertise on European labour market systems, especially active labour market policy measures for persons distant from the labour market with an emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe (including the Western Balkan region)
 - Experience in working with PES (Public Employment Services), Ministries of Labour/Social Affairs or related public authorities in the field of active labour market policy, especially bodies implementing the ESF-European Social Fund
 - Knowledge of qualitative methods such as content analysis, participatory research, case study (quantitative knowledge on bivariate and multivariate statistical analysis would be an asset)
 - Experience in conducting applied research and/or evaluation in the relevant fields
- Experience in project acquisition is an asset
- Flexibility to engage in a broad field of research questions
- Team spirit and ability to work in a multicultural work environment on interdisciplinary aspects of social inclusion
- Effective 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

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