



Call for Expression of Interest - remunerated independent external experts

Profile – Infectious disease public health training specialist

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1. Background

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is an EU Agency aimed at strengthening Europe's defenses against infectious diseases, and it works in three key strategic areas: i) to provide evidence for effective and efficient decision-making; ii) to strengthen public health systems, and to; iii) support the response to public health threats. Apart from support to EU/EEA countries, ECDC provides technical assistance to EU candidate countries and potential candidates (EU Enlargement) countries and European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) partner countries.

ECDC also contributes to high quality training activities delivered for Member States in the areas of preparedness and prevention and control of infectious diseases. The trainings cover topics of interest for participants to keep abreast of developments in the field of communicable diseases and provide tools for communication of public health evidence to decision makers. The training activities include the delivery of training, analysis of training needs, definition of training curricula, support for the development of training guidance, tools, or other training outputs in different formats (face-to-face, elearning and blended). This work is developed in cooperation with content-matter experts and with the ECDC training team. The ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA) is the learning management system that hosts the training activities.

In order to support delivery of mentioned outputs, ECDC invites experts to express their interest to provide their expertise in the following areas:

- a. Provision of advice, opinions and support to the delivery of training activities organised by ECDC in the area of preparedness and response, surveillance, prevention and control of infectious diseases;
- b. Provision of qualitative methods, for the support with surveys, training needs assessments, and gap analyses;
- c. Advise on the design and development of curricula and training materials for face-to-face, blended and online learning;
- d. Advise on the definition of competency-based learning objectives;
- e. Provision and/or moderation of trainings in the learning management system (online platform), linked to the ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA);

- f. Assessing training needs of professionals in public health institutions of the network;
- g. Supporting the training communication/visibility actions, especially through materials and audio-visuals.

Communication between ECDC and experts will be done in English.

2. Selection criteria for the profile

In order to be eligible, the following selection criteria must be fulfilled:

- a. University degree or post-university degree in medicine, biomedicine, public health, epidemiology, social and behavioural sciences, veterinary, biology, or a related area;
- b. Work experience in adult training in one of the following domains: surveillance, epidemic intelligence and response, epidemiological methods, emergency preparedness, vaccination, AMR, healthcare associated infections, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis, emerging food and vector borne diseases, vaccine preventable diseases and immunisation, coronavirus and influenza, health promotion, health education, health literacy, and health communication for a minimum of 3 years;
- c. In-depth knowledge of curriculum design and adult learning techniques and experience in the use of participatory methods for teaching;
- d. Strong communication skills, capacity to convey information to others effectively and efficiently verbally and in writing;
- e. Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.

The selection criteria will be verified against the CV in the Expert Directory. Candidates who do not meet the selection criteria will not be considered for assignments.

3. Place of delivery

The assignment can be delivered in the country of residence of selected experts or for face-to-face trainings in the area where the training will be organised. Follow-up field visits to partner countries may be organised, in which case these costs will be reimbursed separately in accordance with the contract. Regular virtual meetings with ECDC may be organised during the assignment as per contracted agreement.

4. Time limit to express interest for this profile and validity of the list

The list resulting from this notice is valid until 25 May 2026. Interested parties may submit an expression of interest at any time prior to the last 3 months of validity of the list, meaning no later than 25 February 2026.

5. Exclusion criteria

Before being offered a contract, any selected candidate must provide a declaration on honour (see link at [Declaration on honour](#)) stating that they are not in one of the situations of exclusion listed in that declaration on honour.

6. How to express interest

Experts may express their interest in this profile by uploading their CV to ECDC expert directory and inserting the Reference Number of this call for expression of interest from a drop-down list under the tab "Reference" in [Expert Directory](#).