

Job vacancy

Social policy researcher (m/f/d)

**Status: Subsidised contract worker
(Agent Contractuel Subventionné, ACS/Actiris)
Full-time job**

Actiris job vacancy No. 1423329

With a view to permanently strengthening its multilingual team in Brussels, the European Social Observatory (asbl) is looking to appoint a full-time social policy researcher (m/f/d).

Eligibility conditions:

- **Please check with Actiris** that you meet the eligibility conditions for **ACS** posts, i.e. you **must**:
 - Live in the Brussels Capital Region;
 - Have been registered as an unemployed jobseeker for six of the twelve months prior to recruitment;
OR have been registered for one day as a jobseeker receiving benefits, if you are older than 40;
OR be already working under an ACS contract;
 - Have completed and signed an Actiris A6 document.

The **European Social Observatory (OSE)** is a centre for multidisciplinary applied research on the social dimension of European integration. It takes a forward-looking approach, identifying and analysing emerging problems on the political agenda of the European Union and the Member States. The OSE works in close cooperation with the Belgian and European authorities, as well as with trade union organisations and civil society. The OSE is an environment in which every team member can learn – researchers, members of the administrative staff and interns – and where everyone is encouraged to make their mark on the work and collective life of the centre.

Key tasks

The successful candidate for this research contract will be required to:

- Contribute to the development of OSE research, to the activities related to OSE projects and to take part in the events organised by the association;
- Help with the drafting of various types of social policy publication (research reports, working papers, book chapters, articles);
- Work individually and with (internal/external) project teams in an applied research setting: information-gathering, assessments, analyses, synthesis of data and political decisions;

- Represent the association at conferences and/or external meetings.

Qualifications required

The candidates must have the following:

- A Master's qualification, preferably in economics, sociology, political science or law;
- Experience in applied research;
- Skills in analysing social policies in areas such as employment, social inclusion, social protection, healthcare, the social issues surrounding the ecological and digital transitions, and/or the social implications of EU economic policies;
- Knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research methods;
- An interest in the functioning of the EU institutions;
- An excellent knowledge of (spoken and written) French or Dutch, as well as a very good knowledge of English. Knowledge of the other national language (FR/NL) is a considerable asset;
- Good skills in Microsoft Office.

We are offering

- A job which starts immediately;
- A full-time (38h/week), open-ended contract;
- A salary in line with Belgian university salary scales;
- Reimbursement of transport costs, luncheon vouchers (after six months), ecocheques, hospitalisation insurance and a supplementary pension;
- The option to take part in OSE training (e.g. in languages, software, etc.), and to improve skills in research, methodologies, language knowledge, communication and networking

Applications

Applications should be in English or French and include the following documents:

- A covering letter giving the candidate's reasons for applying;
- A curriculum vitae (preferably in the Europass CV format);
- A maximum of two reference letters.

Or

- The name and recent contact details of two referees who can be contacted and asked to give their opinion of the applicant's suitability for the post.

Deadline for applications: 17 May 2021

Applications should be addressed to Bart Vanhercke, Director, and emailed to Françoise Verri: verri@ose.be

Or they can be sent by post to:

Observatoire social européen, asbl, à l'attention de Françoise Verri, Responsable financière et administrative, Rue Paul Emile Janson 13, 1050 Brussels.

Additional information on the European Social Observatory is available (in EN and FR) on the OSE website: www.ose.be