

Announcement

Recruitment of an experienced researcher in the area of social protection and labour market

With a view to permanently reinforcing its multilingual team, the Brussels-based European Social Observatory is hiring, as of Autumn 2017, a **half-time experienced researcher** in the area of social protection and the labour market.

The European Social Observatory (*Observatoire social européen*, OSE) is a multidisciplinary centre for applied research on the social dimension of European integration. It has a forward-looking approach, identifying and analysing issues as they emerge on the policy agenda of the European Union and its Member States. The OSE provides a learning environment for its team members — researchers, administrative staff and regular interns — and encourages them to make their own mark on the journey of the institute.

Key tasks

The hired researcher is expected to:

- Contribute to the development and implementation of the OSE's research strategy, project activities and organisation of regular events;
- Write project proposals, including in the context of call for tenders, research reports and various types of publications;
- Work both on an individual basis and with project teams, with the capacity to conduct applied research;
- Contribute to designing and implementing surveys, case studies and data analyses through her/his strong analytical capacity and problem-solving skills.

Requested qualifications

The candidates should have:

- A PhD in economics, sociology, law or political science; **or** at least five years of relevant research experience;
- Proven skills in comparative social policy analysis in the broad area of social protection and its interaction with labour market policies;
- A strong interest in social policy-making, both at the national and European Union level;
- Skills in the use of both quantitative and qualitative techniques of research;
- Sound knowledge of the functioning of the EU institutions;
- Skills in evaluation methodologies (of social and labour market policies) are an important additional asset;
- Excellent English speaking, reading and writing skills.

Other requirements

- A regular presence of 2 days/week at the office (in Brussels) is required;
- A sound knowledge of French is a great value-added which should be mentioned in the application.

Benefits

- Employment contract under Belgian labour law for a period of one year, which can be extended;
- Entitlements according to the Belgian social protection and employment protection legislation;
- Opportunity to participate in the OSE training offer and further one's language, presentation and networking skills;
- Opportunity to work with and learn from renowned experts in the context of European academic networks.

Application

Applications should be submitted in English and include the following:

- A letter of motivation;
- A European Curriculum vitae;
- A maximum of two reference letters.

Deadline of submission: Monday 21 August 2017

Applications should be addressed to Bart Vanhercke, Director

They should be sent by e-mail to Françoise Verri (verri@ose.be)

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Additional information about this recruitment can be found in the FAQ page on the European Social Observatory website: <http://www.ose.be/>