

Seconded National Expert (SNE) – Gender Expert Research

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)[1] invites applications with a view to establishing a reserve list for Seconded National Experts (SNE) – Gender Expert Research.

The registration of applications will begin on **6 June 2014** and will close on **5 July 2014 at 23:00 Eastern European Time (EET)**.

1. The role of the Institute

Based in Vilnius, Lithuania, EIGE is a regulatory agency of the European Union (EU) entrusted with specific objectives related to the promotion of gender equality.

To achieve its goals, the Institute collects and analyses objective, comparable and reliable information at EU level and develop appropriate methodological tools for the integration of gender equality into all EU policies. EIGE fosters the exchange of good practices and dialogue between stakeholders and seeks to raise EU citizen awareness of this policy area by providing technical assistance to the EU institutions, in particular the Commission, as well as the authorities of the Member States.

In the course of its work to promote and strengthen gender equality EIGE strives to eliminate gender discrimination.

2. Job description

2.1 Profile

Working closely with the Team Leader for Research, Statistics & Indices, the jobholder will support the Institute's research activities, including its work on the follow-up to the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU and the Gender Equality Index.

In particular the jobholder, in close cooperation with Institute's statisticians and researchers, will be involved in collecting and analysing quantitative and qualitative data and information as well as drafting reports and communicating research results to Institute's stakeholders.

2.2 Duties

The Seconded National Expert will perform the following tasks and activities:

Contribute substantially to the Institute's gender equality research activities and projects.

Conduct high quality comparative and interpretative analysis of sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics to support policy making and awareness-raising on gender equality.

Contribute to the development of methods to improve the objectivity, comparability and reliability of data at European level.

Draft reports and related communication content on gender equality related topics ensuring the highest standards and quality.

Support the Institute's work with gender statistics and indicators, both of which are relevant to measure progress in gender equality.

Provide analytical support in the planning, implementation and the final evaluation of research activities and projects.

Follow the latest research developments, including emerging methodologies in the area of gender equality at a national and European level as well as globally.

Assist EIGE in the organisation and coordination of meetings, workshops, seminars and network cooperation with key stakeholders.

Build and maintain an exchange of research and statistical information with relevant national, international and EU institutions.

3. Qualifications and experience required

3.1 Formal requirements

To be considered eligible for selection, an applicant must meet the following formal requirements by the closing date of this call:

A university degree, or a level of formation which corresponds to completed university studies, preferably in social sciences or statistics attested by a diploma^[2] and appropriate professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least three years.

Very good command of both spoken and written English, which is the predominant working language at the Institute and a satisfactory knowledge of a second EU language;

Entitlement to full rights as a European citizen or nationality of an EU candidate country or an EFTA country or a country with which the European Council has decided to open accession negotiations and which has concluded a specific agreement with the Commission on staff secondments.

Any obligations imposed by the national laws concerning military service.

2.2 Selection criteria

Eligible candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Essential:

At least **four** years professional experience gained after the award of the relevant qualification and at a suitable level corresponding to performance of tasks as defined under section 2.2.

Experience in the field of gender equality, including theory and/or practice and an in-depth understanding of key issues and debates.

Practical experience and excellence in preparing and implementing research projects, preferably in the areas of gender equality;

Experience and knowledge relating to data collection, production and use of gender statistics, databases and indicators for the measurement of progress in gender equality.

The ability to analyse high volume of data and information and to provide sound analysis and

conclusions.

The capacity to conceptualise and structure information in a reader friendly format, i.e. accessible to a wider public.

Evident organisational skills, including the ability to manage priorities, work under pressure and meet tight deadlines.

Good writing skills, especially in preparing reports, revising and editing text.

The ability to cooperate smoothly in a multicultural environment.

Advantageous:

Knowledge of EU policies related to gender equality issues.

A good knowledge of the EU institutional framework and policies.

Author or co-author of at least one article/report/book on gender equality published in English in international academic journals or at an academic publishing house.

Previous work experience in an international context.

4. Selection procedure and application

4.1 Selection procedure

The selection will include the following steps:

Only duly completed applications submitted electronically within the deadline will be taken into consideration.

Each duly completed application will be examined with a view to establishing that the candidate meets all eligibility criteria.

The best-admissible candidates will be short-listed for an interview.

Interviews will be held in English.

The Selection Committee will examine the candidates' profiles and assess their relevancy for the post in question. On the day of the interview, candidates may also be required to undergo a competency assessment exercise.

The chosen candidate will be requested to furnish:

a copy of identity card, passport or other official document specifying citizenship,

a copy of diploma certifying a required level of academic qualifications, documentary evidence of professional experience, clearly indicating starting and finishing dates.

Copies of the above mentioned documents will be retained by the Institute;

If at any stage of the procedure, it were established that information in the application has been knowingly falsified, the candidate shall be disqualified from the process.

The initial period of secondment shall be specified in the exchange of letters between the Institute and the employer of the selected SNE.

Soliciting on behalf of a candidate can lead to immediate disqualification.

4.2 Submission of applications

For applications to be valid, candidates must complete an EIGE application form, available only in English and which is to be forwarded electronically to eige.hr@eige.europa.eu . The subject title should include the vacancy reference number. Applications may also be forwarded to EIGE on behalf of applicants by the Permanent Representations of the EU Member States.

EIGE Application form (.doc)

Applicants are requested not to attach any supporting documents at this stage (e.g. copies of ID cards, diplomas, evidence of previous professional experience, etc.). Only shortlisted candidates will be asked to present copies of these documents for verification. Applications will not be returned to candidates but will be kept on the file by the Institute in line with its data protection guidelines.

The deadline for sending applications is 5 July 2014 at 23:00 (EET).

Due to the large volume of applications, the Institute regrets that only candidates selected for the interviews will be contacted.

5. Conditions of secondment

The purpose of the secondment is to provide the SNE with experience of the Institute's working methods and policies, to enable them to gain practical experience and understanding of the day-to-day work of the Institute's work and to give them the opportunity to work in a multicultural, multilingual environment. It also serves to enable staff of national administrations to put into practice the knowledge they have acquired in their studies, particularly in their respective areas of responsibility.

The SNE shall remain in the service of his/her employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer. The SNE shall be entitled to daily and monthly subsistence allowances in line with EIGE Decision MB 2012/50 on the secondment to the European Institute for Gender Equality of national experts and national experts in professional training available [here](#).

Before applying each candidate is advised to obtain the assurance of the support of her/his employer for her/his candidacy as well as the commitment that her/his employer shall continue to pay a salary during the period of the secondment. The final stage to secure the secondment will be confirmed by an exchange of letters between the Institute and the employer in the Member State concerned.

The secondment will be for a minimum of six months but not more than two years and may be extended further up to a maximum period of two years. The place of secondment shall be Vilnius, Lithuania.

6. Independence and declarations of interest

The SNE will be required to enter into a commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make complete declarations of any direct or indirect interests that might be considered prejudicial to his or her independence.

7. Equal opportunities

EIGE applies a policy of equal opportunities and accept applications without distinction on any grounds.

8. Appeal procedures

If a candidate considers that s/he has been adversely affected by a particular decision, s/he can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, by writing to the Director, European Institute for Gender Equality, Gedimino Prospektas 16, Vilnius Lithuania LT01103.

The complaint must be lodged within three months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure (see Staff Regulations as modified by Council Regulation No 723/2004 of 22 March 2004 published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 124 of 27 April 2004 – <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex>) starts to run from the time the candidate is notified of the act adversely affecting him/her.

9. Protection of personal data

As the body responsible for organising the competition, EIGE ensures that applicants' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (Official Journal of the European Communities, L 8 of 12 January 2001). This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

Personal data shall thus be processed solely for the purpose of the selection procedure.

10. Lithuania and life in Vilnius

Lithuania is a member of the Schengen Area and it borders Latvia, Belarus, Poland and the Kaliningrad region of Russia. Its western coastline - noted for its fine beaches, dunes and majestic pines - straddles the Baltic Sea. Lithuanian summers are sunny and warm with an average temperature of 17 C. Winter is white and generally cold with average temperatures that hover around minus 4 C.

Vilnius is Lithuania's capital with an estimated population of just over half a million citizens. In addition to ample natural green spaces, it has impressive Baroque, Gothic, Renaissance and Russian architecture, as well as one of Europe's largest medieval old towns, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1994. A university city since the Middle Ages, Vilnius is the centre of the country's politics, business, science, culture and entertainment and it attracts an increasingly varied assortment of local and international events. Besides hosting a number of international schools, Vilnius has a well-developed infrastructure and ambitious future plans.

[1] Established by the European Parliament and of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of 20 December 2006 (OJ L 403/9 of 30.12.2006)

[2] Only qualifications issued by EU Member State authorities and qualifications recognised as equivalent by the relevant Member States authorities will be accepted.

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