

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control Traineeship Programme 2026

Applications are invited for the Traineeship Programme at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

The Centre is in Stockholm, Sweden. The legal base for the Centre is Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control¹.

Description of the Traineeship Programme

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Traineeship Programme provides trainees with an understanding of the Centre and its role within the activities of the European Union, as well as an opportunity to acquire practical knowledge and professional experience.

As part of the ECDC's Traineeship programme, the Epidemic Intelligence Group offers trainees with a scientific/public health background the opportunity to join the Epidemic Intelligence Group during a set period, to gain real-life experience on Epidemic Intelligence operations.

The Traineeship Programme runs every year, and in 2026 traineeships at ECDC will last **between five and eight months**. For the 2026 intake, ECDC aims at recruiting a total of 14 trainees:

Director's Office:

- Policy Coordination and Strategic Affairs
- Internal Coordination

Digital Transformation Services:

- IT Operations
- Digital Governance

¹ Official Journal No. L 142 of 30 April 2004, page 1

Directly Transmitted and Vaccine-preventable Diseases:

- 2 x traineeships (The content of the traineeships will align with the unit's core activities and the successful candidate's background and interests).

One Health related Diseases:

- AMR and Healthcare-Associated Infections
- Food-, Water-, Vector-borne and Zoonotic Diseases

Scientific Evidence and Communication:

- Communication
- Health Economy and Quantitative Methods

Surveillance Preparedness and Response:

- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Epidemic Intelligence (interest and skills in GIS would be advantageous)

Resource Management Services:

- Planning and Performance
- Legal Services

Successful candidates will typically have an education and background relating to the activities of ECDC, and the traineeship position to which they are applying. For an overview of ECDC and its activities please refer to:

[ECDC's website: Who we are, ECDC's organisational structure](#)

Minimum Requirements

To be an eligible candidate, you must fulfil the following requirements:

- Be a national of an EU Member State, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;
- Have completed your studies and been awarded a full university degree by the closing date for applications;
- Have a very good command of English (the working language of ECDC);
- Have not previously participated in a formal traineeship or employment (paid or unpaid) within a European institution, agency or body.

Application procedure

Applicants should preferably apply to **one** professional area related to their education and professional background.

To apply for the Traineeship Programme, please create/log in to your account via ECDC's e-recruitment system, complete all required sections of the application and submit. ECDC does not accept applications submitted by e-mail, mail or any other means.

Applications for the 2026 Traineeship Programme shall be submitted between **9 September and 7 October 12.00 PM (noon) Stockholm time**. Only applications submitted during this period will be considered.

You are advised to submit your application well ahead of the deadline in case you face technical issues and/or if there is heavy traffic on the website. ECDC will not accept any applications after the deadline. Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an automatic e-mail message confirming the receipt of your application. Please ensure that the email address you provide for your applicant account is correct and that you check your email regularly.

Any false statement or omission, even if unintended, may lead to a cancellation of the application or termination of the traineeship.

Due to the large volume of applications only applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

The Selection process

For detailed information regarding the traineeship programme at ECDC, please refer to the [Rules governing traineeships of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#) available on the [ECDC website](#).

Reserve list

A reserve list of candidates may be drawn up by ECDC following the interviews and used, should additional traineeship opportunities arise. It will be valid until 31 December 2026.

Equal opportunities

ECDC applies equal opportunities and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

Practical information

Training Grant

ECDC pays a monthly grant (reviewed annually), and a travel allowance to compensate the expenses incurred at the beginning and at the end of the traineeship from the place of residence. The exact traineeship grant amount for 2026 is not yet known but will be communicated to the selected candidates. For reference, the monthly 2025 traineeship grant is 2,085.18 EUR.

Tax arrangements

The traineeship programme does not entail an employment relation between the trainee and ECDC. Trainees receive a monthly grant from ECDC, but as ECDC is not the employer of the trainees, ECDC does not pay any social security contribution related to the traineeship. ECDC informs trainees that it is their responsibility to pay income taxes where due in accordance with their individual personal circumstances.

Accommodation

Trainees are responsible for finding their own accommodation. ECDC cannot provide accommodation, however, limited information on how to find accommodation may be provided.

Health insurance

Trainees must take out health insurance valid in Sweden, prior to the start of their traineeship at the ECDC. Proof of this insurance will be requested prior to starting.

Rejected applications

Please note that the decision of ECDC to reject an application is final and binding and there is no appeal procedure. If an application is unsuccessful, a candidate may re-apply for a subsequent training period. It is, however, necessary to submit a new application.