Economist-Statistician (market data) in the External Statistics Division

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The European Central Bank

The Directorate General Statistics (DG/S) develops, compiles and disseminates the statistics, the statistical indicators and the metadata required for monetary policy and other ECB tasks and is responsible for the ECB’s market data management. It also develops, manages and applies the statistical tools, databases and processes needed to collect, manage, produce, disseminate and exchange the data. Moreover, DG/S has contributed to the establishment of the data framework required for the supervisory function within the Single Supervisory Mechanism and is involved in its ongoing maintenance. DG/S is seeking highly qualified professionals to fill the position of Economist-Statistician in its External Statistics (ETS) Division.

The ETS Division develops, compiles and disseminates euro area external statistics and statistical indicators and provides related information services. It manages the centralised securities database, a micro-data database that contains reference and price data on individual securities of relevance for euro area statistics, and develops, compiles and disseminates securities settlement statistics, as well as providing related information services. The Division is also responsible for the management of market data services covering all data services, including terminals, purchased from commercial vendors. The vacancy is in the area of market data services in the Securities and External Statistics (SESC) Section.

The successful applicant will be entrusted with the following main tasks:

- providing support and advice to users, including the preparation, verification and assessment of user requirements in the area of market data, as well as the comparison of user requirements with the offerings of any commercial and non-commercial sources available to the ECB with the aim of developing efficient and integrated solutions;
- preparing and conducting procurement processes and participating in contracting negotiations with data vendors, including participating in and contributing to joint procurement processes that the ECB conducts on behalf of a group of EU central banks;
- providing the ECB with a broad and up-to-date overview of market data products and vendors, which will require maintaining contacts with data vendors, EU central banks and other organisations on the procurement side of market data;
- contributing to the work of a small team, ensuring high output levels in terms of quality and quantity;
- working closely with other business areas in DG/S and the remainder of the ECB, as well as with national central banks, Eurostat and international organisations, including the IMF, BIS and OECD, and responding to queries from internal and external users.
Qualifications and experience:

Applicants must have the following knowledge and competencies:

- a master’s degree in statistics, finance, economics, mathematics, computer sciences or other relevant field, or a bachelor’s degree in one of these fields combined with four years of relevant professional experience;
- in addition, a minimum of three years’ experience in the field of market data management, with, essentially, knowledge of the market data industry, including vendors, their products and their working practices;
- experience in the management of market data needs on the side of either the data user or the data vendor, including the preparation, presentation and evaluation of business cases;
- experience in managing overall tasks or projects in the area of market data;
- the ability to conduct a complete procurement process, successfully integrating different stakeholders, with certification as a purchasing manager regarded as an asset;
- experience in budget management and contract negotiations would be an asset;
- an understanding and working knowledge of financial market concepts;
- knowledge of quantitative techniques and/or data collection methods and practices would be an asset;
- experience in working with external counterparts at the European or global level (ESCB, European Commission, ESRB, BIS, FSB or IMF) or in an international corporate environment.
- an advanced command of English, with the ability to draft concise, high-quality documents in English intended for both internal and external stakeholders
- an intermediate knowledge of at least one other official language of the EU;
- a working knowledge of MS Office, in particular Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

Competencies:

The successful candidate will have the following behavioural competencies:

- defines policy issues and problems clearly, and devises succinct and workable solutions;
- understands the key organisational goals and the wider context in which the ECB works;
- simplifies complex processes, increasing the speed and quality of output;

- communicates complex ideas and concepts clearly, both in writing and orally, and has a proven aptitude for presenting effectively and in non-technical terms to different stakeholders;

- establishes and maintains cooperative relationships with staff and management at all levels, both inside and outside the organisation, and shares information;

- manages multiple assignments and tracks progress on numerous processes simultaneously;
• makes timely decisions and initiates action on the basis of these decisions with a view to achieving set objectives within established, sometimes tight, time frames;
• supports team members in the achievement of common goals and defines success in terms of the team as a whole.
• has the ability to build cooperative relationships with both internal and external counterparts, including commercial companies.

Further Information:

Three-year fixed-term contract, with possible conversion to a contract of indefinite duration subject to individual performance and organisational needs.

To further enhance the diversity of its workforce, the ECB particularly encourages applications from female candidates.

The selection committee may place suitable candidates on a reserve list, from which candidates may be appointed to similar positions in the same or another business area. It may also be decided to fill the position(s) advertised in this vacancy notice with a suitable candidate or candidates from the reserve list resulting from a recruitment procedure for a similar position. Candidates will be informed accordingly if this happens.

How to apply:

Applications are to be made in English and submitted using our online application form. An “Applicants’ Guide” can be downloaded from our recruitment pages.

The recruitment process may include a pre-screening exercise, a written exercise, a presentation and interviews.


Applications are accepted from nationals of Member States of the European Union.

The requirements laid down in the vacancy notice must be met by the closing date for applications.

This vacancy notice may be used to fill the same position again, or similar positions, within 12 months of the selection decision.

This position has been allocated to salary band:F/G