

Human Capital Services Unit

SECONDMENT OPPORTUNITY IN EFSA

Join EFSA's BIOHAW Unit as a Seconded National Expert (SNE)

Profile: Scientific Officer (Veterinary Epidemiology)

Position Available: September 2025

Unit: BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS, ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (BIOHAW)

Location: Parma, Italy

About the Role

EFSA's BIOHAW Unit is looking for a mid-career professional with strong expertise in VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY, including risk assessment, data collection, collation and analysis, statistical and mathematical modelling, use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), drafting of scientific reports, and with good communication skills. As an SNE, you will play a key role in supporting the Biological Hazards, Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW) in providing scientific support to the European Commission and Member States with regards to early warning, surveillance, and control and eradication of diseases affecting animals in the European Union. The successful candidate will work together with the Animal Health team and EFSA's pool of scientific experts in the drafting of reports and opinions on a large array of scientific topics with the aim of supporting EU risk managers.

Key Responsibilities

- Collect and collate data that help to answer specific risk questions
- Analyse and evaluate data contributing to the generation of descriptive statistics and further statistical and mathematical modelling
- Prepare working documents to support risk assessment
- Development of evidence-based risk assessments
- Draft and review scientific outputs
- Provide administrative and scientific support to the activities of the respective Panel and Working Groups (i.e. preparation of working documents, scientific opinions, etc.)
- Participate to the development of guidance and methodology documents
- Provide technical support to manage contracts and procurements, including the monitoring these procedures
- Communicate and present scientific outputs by conveying the right messages and by making scientific concepts understandable to different audiences
- Ensure coordination with European, and national and international stakeholders, regarding the scientific activities of the organisation

Skills Required

The Biological Hazards, Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW) is looking for SNE professionals with:

- Proven skills in veterinary epidemiology, risk assessment, and data analysis.

- Excellent oral and written communication skills acquired by training and put in practice while delivering presentations to different audiences and with the drafting and reviewing of peer reviewed articles.
- Good knowledge of animal diseases, particularly those affecting Europe or with the potential to enter the European Union.
- Capacity to work under pressure, individually, or as part of a team.

Benefits

- **For EFSA:** Strengthened collaboration and knowledge-sharing with Member States, enhancing the EU's scientific assessment capacity.
- **For the SNE:** A unique opportunity to gain experience at a leading EU scientific Agency, contribute to high-impact projects, and develop professionally in a multicultural environment.
- **For the Home Organization:** The Return of a staff member with enriched skills, broader EU-level perspective, and enhanced capacity to support national and EU-level cooperation.

Why Join Us?

As a Seconded National Expert at EFSA, you'll be an integral part of a dynamic and multicultural team. You'll apply your expertise to support EFSA's scientific and policy work, contributing directly to its mission. This unique experience not only enhances your professional development but also strengthens collaboration between your home administration and the EU.

Apply now and help shape the future of food safety in Europe!

<https://careers.efsa.europa.eu/jobs/efsa-seconded-national-experts-call-2025-2027-421>

When applying to the general SNE call, remember to mention the profile you are applying for in the questionnaire (Scientific Officer – Veterinary Epidemiology).