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Publication of A 1 post of Director-General (Articles 29(1a) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities)

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The European Commission is currently seeking candidates for the post of

Chief statistician of the European Union
Director-General of Eurostat

Eurostat is a Directorate-General of the European Commission. Its mission consists of providing the European Union with a high quality statistical information service. Its customers are the public, the media, the business community, the financial markets, the European institutions and the European Central Bank. Eurostat federates the national statistical systems of the Member States and the candidate countries into an efficient high-technology network organisation (the European Statistical System). Under the authority of the responsible Commissioner, the Director-General is in charge of formulating and implementing the objectives of the mission and work programme of Eurostat. The seat of Eurostat is Luxembourg.

The principal tasks of the chief statistician are:

— to develop and achieve Eurostat corporate plan objectives and work programs taking into account the priority needs of the European Union

— to ensure the implementation of the European Commission quality standards

— to communicate with the major customers of Eurostat to enhance Eurostat’s understanding of user needs and ensure its effectiveness and efficiency

— to guarantee the implementation of the statistical codes of ethics on professional independence

— to ensure that Eurostat cooperates closely on statistical matters with international organisations (UN, IMF, OECD, etc.) and non-EU countries (EEA, accession countries).

The principal working language of the European statistical system is English.
The qualifications and experience required are:

— a university degree or equivalent giving entitlement to undertake postgraduate studies,

— at least 15 years of professional experience (following the award of the University Degree or equivalent) preferably in a field relevant to the mission of Eurostat, at least five years of which must have been at senior management level,

— proven capacity to lead and manage a large organisation, at strategic and internal management levels,

— proven capacity to work in international fora,

— capacity to communicate in public and build good working relationships with all stakeholders,

— a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the EU and a satisfactory knowledge of one other of these languages,

— candidates must be nationals of a European Union Member State.

Independence and declarations of interests:

Candidates are required to confirm their willingness to make a declaration of their commitment to act independently in the public interest and a declaration of any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence.

Appointment and conditions of employment:

The Chief statistician will be selected and appointed by the Commission according to its established procedures. A shortlist of candidates will be called for an interview by the Commission’s Consultative Committee on Appointments, which will be assisted by an independent panel of external advisers.

Salaries and conditions of employment are those laid down for A 1 officials of the European Communities.

Applications (comprising a curriculum vitae and a letter of motivation) should be sent to:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration
Organigram and Management Unit
MO34 5/103
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels.
Supporting documents (e.g. certified copies of degrees/diplomas, references, proof of experience etc.) must be submitted at a later stage in the procedure if requested.

Deadline for receipt of applications: 10 February 2003. Applications will be rejected if the dossier is incomplete.

The decision on appointment is scheduled for April 2003. It is expected that the selected candidate will take up his/her post as soon as possible thereafter in 2003.