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Vacancy notice for a Director (Grade A 2) (Articles 29(1)(a) and (c) and 29(2) of the Staff Regulations of officials and other servants of the European Communities)

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The European Commission is currently seeking candidates for the post of

Director of Eurostat/B 'Statistical methodologies and tools'

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).

Description of the post

The successful applicant will head and manage Directorate B 'Statistical methodologies and tools', in which the units carry out work of methodological coordination, management of statistical information technologies, compilation of data bases and research in the field of statistics.

In coordination with the Director-General, the Director will be required to contribute towards developing Eurostat and the European Statistical System, to draw up the Directorate's work programme on the basis of a total quality management approach and to contribute towards drawing up a coherent statistical programme for the Commission.

The Director will be responsible for supervising the financial operations organised by the units in the Directorate.

Required qualifications

Applicants should have:

- recognised ability to head a large administrative department, at both strategic and internal management level,
- recognised capacity to speak in public and to build good working relations,

- proven management ability, in particular experience of staff management,
- proven expertise in representation and negotiation; the successful applicant will also be required to represent the Commission before the European Parliament and the Council and in discussions with official statistical bodies.

Desired qualification

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Sound experience of the production or use of statistics will be an asset.

External applicants must:

- be nationals of a European Union Member State,
- hold a university degree or equivalent national qualification entitling them to undertake postgraduate studies (any equivalent professional experience will be taken into account),
- have at least 15 years' postgraduate professional experience at a level to which the qualifications referred to above give admission; at least five years of that professional experience must have been gained at senior level in fields relating to the post to be filled,
- have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union and an adequate knowledge of another official EU language; thorough knowledge of English and/or French and/or German will be an advantage; the main working languages of the Directorate-General are English and French,
- have proven management ability in a multicultural environment; applicants are requested to provide details of the size and nature of the operations they have managed.

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 Director 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 A2 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 5/113 Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200 B-1049 Brussels. Applications will be rejected if the dossier is incomplete (i.e. absence of either a curriculum vitae or a letter of motivation).

Other 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.

Closing date

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Applications must be sent by registered post (to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration at the address listed above) on or before **6 November** 2003 (date as postmark).

Applications sent by express courier service must be delivered to the same address before 17.00 on **6 November** 2003.