

## TRAINEESHIPS 2024/2025

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINEESHIPS AT THE EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK (EU-OSHA)

Come join the EU-OSHA - a dynamic Agency of the European Union based in the highly liveable city of Bilbao, Spain! We are a team of 65 staff members dedicated to promoting safe, healthy, and productive workplaces through technical, scientific, and economic information that supports policy-making and workplace risk prevention. Further information on our activities can be found on our website: <http://osha.europa.eu>

In our vibrant and respectful multicultural environment, we foster meaningful learning and development experience for our trainees by involving them in daily and project work under the responsibility of a supervisor. Learning by doing and learning from others are at the root of your future **paid** traineeship experience!

## EUOSHA/TR/24/02

### Prevention and Research Unit (PRU)

We are organising a selection procedure for traineeships based in our Bilbao Office in the Prevention and Research Unit (PRU).

The interviews will tentatively take place between the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025, for a starting date in early 2025.

#### 1. TRAINEESHIP DESCRIPTION

The Prevention and Research Unit is responsible for the Agency's technical, scientific, and economic information on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). This information is used both to inform policymaking in the EU and its Member States and to raise awareness about OSH.

We cover many different areas, as can be seen on the EU-OSHA website and in our Strategic Programme Documents and Annual Workplan. In 2025, we will begin two OSH Overview research activities: one on climate change and one on occupational exposure to cancer risk factors. Additionally, an OSH Overview activity on cardiovascular diseases will enter its second year.

**We are seeking a dynamic trainee interested in being involved in various aspects of work on activities related to climate change, cancer risk factors, and cardiovascular diseases.** The focus in all activities is on OSH—data availability and collection, gathering information on specific OSH risks, and identifying drivers or barriers in these areas. By doing so, you will help the Agency produce outputs relevant to policymakers, including trade unions and employers' associations, and outputs for raising awareness.

The research within these ongoing activities will, among other topics, relate to dangerous substances (liquids, gases, or solids that pose a risk to workers' health or safety). Previous knowledge or experience in, and interest in, this area will be important for a successful candidate.

**The trainee will be involved in supporting the planning and preparation of expert meetings, scoping exercises to prioritise work for the new OSH overviews, be asked to gather information, draft briefs and presentation on the topics or assist with reviewing different types of materials.**

The successful candidate may also be involved in other tasks within the Unit.

## 2. TRAINEESHIP OVERALL SCOPE

The EU-OSHA traineeship programme is addressed to young university graduates, without excluding those who in the framework of lifelong learning have recently obtained a university diploma and are at the beginning of a new professional career.

The aims of the traineeship at EU-OSHA are:

- To provide trainees an understanding of the objectives and activities of the Agency.
- To enable trainees to acquire practical experience and knowledge of the day-to-day work of EU-OSHA. To provide the opportunity to benefit from a learning experience within a diverse, multi-cultural, and multi-linguistic environment, contributing to the development of mutual understanding, trust and tolerance.
- To enable trainees to put into practice knowledge acquired during their studies, and in particular in their specific areas of competence. To introduce these graduates to the professional world and the constraints, duties and opportunities therein.

For detailed information on the EU-OSHA traineeship programme, applicants are advised to read carefully the [Rules Governing the EU-OSHA Traineeship Programme](#).

## 3. TRAINEESHIP DURATION

Traineeship agreements are initially offered for a period of six months with the option for extension for up to six more months.

Traineeship agreements begin on the 1st or the 16th of the month.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered eligible, applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements on the closing date for submission of applications.

- **Nationality:** be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union and Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein (parties of the EEA agreement)
- **University diploma:** have completed the first cycle of a higher education course (i.e. university education of minimum 3 years duration) and obtained a full degree or its equivalent by the closing date for applications.
- **Languages:** in order for the trainees to fully profit from the traineeship and to be able to follow meetings and perform adequately,
  - applicants from Member States of the European Union must have very good knowledge of at least two official languages of the European Union<sup>1</sup>, of which one must be English, as English is the main vehicular language within EU-OSHA;
  - applicants from Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein must have very good knowledge of English, as English is the main vehicular language within EU-OSHA.

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<sup>1</sup> Very good knowledge is required at least at B2 level. The assessment is done in accordance with the Common European Framework of reference for Languages (CEFR) <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sites/default/files/cefr-en.pdf>

## 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit their application through the Agency [eRecruitment tool](#) by no later than **Friday 29/11/2024 at 13h00**, Bilbao time.

Candidates are requested to send their application in English.

Candidates can check the status of their application within the eRecruitment tool and the main steps of the selection procedure on the website.

## 6. SELECTION PROCEDURE

EU-OSHA makes its selection of trainees on the basis of the applications received as per this call.

Candidates are screened on the basis of educational background, qualifications, competences, and motivation by at least two members of staff (Heads of Unit and/or delegated colleague(s)). Applications that best meet these criteria will then be further reviewed to ensure they meet all required eligibility criteria listed under point 4 above, with support from the HR Section.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview (remotely) in order to check their competences, motivation, availability, language skills, and to discuss reciprocal expectations.

At the end of the process, the Heads of Unit and/or delegated colleague(s) establish a shortlist with the most suitable candidates to be proposed to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will take the final decision on the traineeship agreement(s) to be offered.

All candidates having participated to an interview will be informed about the outcome by the HR Section.

## 7. REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE START OF TRAINEESHIP

Successful candidates receiving and accepting the traineeship offer need to provide supporting documents and certificates required by HR Section within the indicated deadline.

Before the traineeship agreement is signed and thus before commencement of the traineeship, they are required to provide the following documents:

- A proof of nationality;
- A photocopy of all diplomas, academic qualifications/degrees obtained. For ongoing studies, an official declaration from the relevant university must be provided;
- A photocopy of employment certificates, if applicable;
- An excerpt from the police record;
- A medical certificate confirming that they are "fit to work";
- A statement indicating whether they are gainfully employed;
- A statement indicating whether they are in receipt of a grant or allowance from another source and if so, the amount of these grants or allowances;
- A photocopy of health and accident insurance for the duration of the traineeship (EU insurance card is a common use). Sickness and accident insurance is mandatory. Trainees are responsible for organising their own insurance against accidents along with health cover and any insurance required for themselves and family members (where applicable) for the duration of their traineeship.

Trainees must not have any professional connections with third parties which might be incompatible with their traineeship (i.e. must not work for lobbyists, legal attaches, etc.), and they are not permitted to exercise any other gainful employment during the period of the traineeship which may adversely affect the work assigned during the traineeship

Only once the above has been ascertained and once all requested documents have been received can a traineeship agreement be confirmed.

## **8. BASIC ALLOWANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Trainees are awarded a monthly allowance set on a yearly basis and subject to an annual revision. Currently, a trainee allowance is at 1.418,20 EUR/ month.

Upon presentation of the proper justification, disabled trainees may receive a supplement to their allowance equal to a maximum of 50% of the amount of the allowance. HR Section may consult the Agency's medical services if necessary.

Trainees whose address (as, in principle, indicated in their application form) at the beginning of the traineeship is more than 50 km from the place of traineeship are entitled to a reimbursement of the travel expenses incurred at the beginning and end of the traineeship.

## **9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

EU-OSHA is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria and are interested in the traineeship. EU-OSHA is committed to accommodating the needs of applicants and selected candidates who may have special requirements (e.g. for reasons of disability). EU-OSHA ensures that its selection procedure does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, colour, racial, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, nationality, age, sexual orientation or gender identity.

## **10. DATA PROTECTION**

EU-OSHA respects the privacy of its candidates and processes their personal data as required by [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#). For more information please follow this [link](#).