



WORK OPPORTUNITY -ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICER, CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The EuFMD invites applications for the above position, with desired entry date close to 1st September 2015. The position is for 11 months with expectation of renewal depending on performance. The position could be taken for shorter periods, by mutual agreement, for qualified candidates unable to commit to longer periods.

The position becomes available as a result of the growth in demand for assistance to our 38 Member states on Contingency Planning for FMD outbreaks, including the areas of improved decision support for management options and evaluation of preparedness, such as best use of simulation exercises. The **Contingency Planning Officer** (CPO) would also assist with training in these fields, as well as leading the development of services provided to Member States through the network for contingency planning. Issues relating to use of vaccination in emergency will be important area for support, and the CPO will support or lead the vaccination issues networking. The CPO will, according to experience and interest, help with broader work of the Commission, although focussed on our [Pillar 1 programme](#), which aims to improve the preparedness of member states.

The type of profile we look for:

- a degree in veterinary medicine,
- significant national or international experience in contingency planning for highly contagious animal diseases,
- at least five years of post-graduate, relevant experience,
- excellent interpersonal skills,
- a very good communication ability in English.

A post-graduate qualification in epidemiology or in a discipline relevant to the management of FMD, and/or experience in working in the official veterinary services is an advantage.

Experience and understanding of EU norms in contingency planning is also an advantage as most EuFMD MS are in the EU.

Application process.

Cover letter and CV should be sent by 25th June 2015 to EuFMD@fao.org. Questions relating to the post can be referred to Keith.Sumption@fao.org.

Remuneration

This depends on experience; within the upper limit for this position set at circa 7000 USD per calendar month. Payments are normally treated as tax-free by the country of residence.

Duty Station

The incumbent is expected to work most days in Rome, at the HQ of FAO. Some flexibility for working from other locations is possible. Significant travel (mostly within Europe) is a part of the work, but usually not more than five days a month.

