



## Vacancy advertisement - Senior Science Officer

(Data Science and Data Governance)

The Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) is a pan-European distributed research infrastructure (ERIC) that provides large-scale, integrated and sustainable data services to the social sciences research community to conduct high-quality research and contribute to solutions to major societal challenges.

CESSDA is composed of 22 member countries. CESSDA is a landmark on the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) Roadmap, part of the SSHOC (Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cluster) and contributes to the build-up of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

The Main Office supports its Members, Service Providers and international partners and initiates, coordinates and aligns strategic activities.

Job title	Senior Science Officer
Contract	Fixed-term contract for a period of three years with the possibility of a permanent contract
Hours	Full-time (37,5 hours per week)
Responsible to	Director of CESSDA ERIC
Job location	CESSDA ERIC Main Office, Bergen, Norway
Working language	English
Information	<a href="https://www.cessda.eu/">https://www.cessda.eu/</a>

### Role

Reporting to the Director, the Senior Science Officer will assume responsibilities for science and science policy matters and contribute to the successful implementation of CESSDA´s strategic goals by working with various stakeholders, such as CESSDA Service Providers, CESSDA members, researchers, and decision-makers in ERA, media, or industry.

### Responsibilities

The post holder will enhance the transmission of CESSDA´s knowledge into scientific and/or policy papers, analyse, write and prepare documents and foster the dialogue between CESSDA and researchers and policymakers, mainly at the EC level and society at large.



### **Science Development and Coordination**

- Produce analysis on science development matters related to data science and governance or linked to working activities.
- Participate in CESSDA boards or working groups on various topics (e.g., data citation, widening the parameter of data)
- Support the Director in extending CESSDA partnerships with the social sciences community and other research domains:
  - Support the Director in the coordination of
    - external scientific and/or expert groups
    - expert seminars, conferences, or other types of events
  - Prepare documents for different audiences, including senior management and external stakeholders.

### **Science Policy Development**

- Responsible for the yearly CESSDA-KPI collection and co-drafting of reports.
- Assess scientific and science policy trends (e.g., AI and social-science-informed data governance) and assess and propose relevant actions.
- Keep abreast of the developments at the European level in the context of research infrastructures and EOSC.
- Draft and/or contribute to the development of policy documents, briefs, and communications materials.

### **Internal Development**

- Contribute to co-writing or preparing EC projects and/or internal activities in line with the organisation's objectives.

### **Representation and Outreach**

Contribute to CESSDA's visibility through activities such as:

- Participation in the CESSDA Editorial Board.
- Representation of CESSDA at relevant events.
- Participate in EC project meetings that support the cross-fertilisation of social sciences and other research communities.
- Contribution to communication and dissemination where appropriate.

### **Qualifications and Experiences**

- An academic degree in the social sciences, EU studies, or equivalent academic qualification with a specialisation in data science and/or data governance, such as a PhD, is an advantage.
- Relevant working experience with a minimum of four years.
  - In research, science coordination and/or project management in research, policy, or a comparable sector.
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English.
- Ability to work on multiple projects independently.
- Ability and willingness to travel when required.



### Assets

- Experience in dissemination and outreach activities.

### Desired skills

- Critical and analytical skills
- Proactive and result-oriented
- Team player
- Adaptability vs. Flexibility

### What we offer

- Exposure to an international environment and the opportunity to make one's mark and contribute to the shaping of the ERA and European Research Infrastructure landscape in the domain of the Social Sciences.
- The salary is in line with similar roles in the public sector in Norway; the final salary is dependent upon the successful candidate's work experience.
- Hands-on experience with EU-funded projects and core project management activities.
- Being part of an experienced EU project coordination team.
- Opportunity for developing professional skills.
- Private Health insurance.
- AFP (early retirement) Premium pension scheme.
- A friendly working environment and the chance to contribute to projects that have a positive societal impact.
- The central location of the Office regarding the Bergen city centre and airport.

### Diversity & Inclusion

At CESSDA ERIC, we are committed to cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion and connectedness. We value diversity in backgrounds and experiences. This is reflected in our largely diverse and inclusive community of partners and employees. In recruiting for our team, we welcome the unique contributions that you can bring in terms of education, culture, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, nation of origin, age, colour, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and beliefs.

### Application Process

- To apply, please send **a letter of motivation with the name of two referees or reference letters and a CV in English in a single PDF** to [cessda@cessda.eu](mailto:cessda@cessda.eu).
- **The vacancy is open until filled.** Short-listed candidates will first be interviewed virtually. Successful candidates will be invited to Bergen, Norway.

### For general information, please contact:

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### For information on the post and requirements, please contact:

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