CGE modeller in the European Commission's Trade Directorate-General

We are: DG Trade has the task of conducting EU trade policy, one of the exclusive competencies of the EU. Trade policy plays a critical role in creating growth and jobs as the EU takes on the challenges of globalisation. The mission of the Chief Economist and Trade Analysis Unit is to provide high-quality economic analysis on various aspects of EU trade policy and trade policy in general in order to assist the DG in assessing its impact and in defining and reviewing trade policy priorities.

We propose: The Chief Economist and Trade Analysis Unit is seeking a specialized Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) modeller to join a small team of economists, supported in their work by a secretariat and a statistical cell. The successful candidate will lead the CGE modelling work in the unit and provide guidance to colleagues as necessary. The successful candidate will carry out in-house analyses, write analytical notes on specific trade policy subjects and related EU economic policy issues, prepare terms of reference for studies to be outsourced and scrutinize modelling work undertaken for DG Trade by external consultants and work in close collaboration with them and with DG Trade colleagues in relevant units to ensure a high-quality, timely and policy-relevant output.

We look for: The successful candidate should hold a PhD degree in economics, with a solid background in running dynamic CGE models, updating baseline data and simulating the impact of both tariff non-tariff barrier reductions. Prior such experience, as demonstrated by written work in the form of journal articles, reports, etc. and proficiency of, and coding skills in, associated specialized software are required.

Other important requirements are good oral and written communication skills, excellent command of English, and a sense of initiative and responsibility. A publication record and good drafting skills are desirable. Experiences from university level research and/or in economic research centres are valuable assets.

Selected applicants will be subject to a hands-on test.

We offer: A renewable 1 year contract (3 years maximum) at AD5 level (salary range €4,350-€4,921 per month, free of national income tax). As well as providing support and assistance to new staff for relocation, the EU Institutions also offer a comprehensive remuneration package, including pension, and a competitive comprehensive healthcare insurance. Depending on your personal situation, you might be entitled to allowances such as an expatriation, family, dependent child or transport allowance.

When working for the EU Institutions you will benefit from a diversified offer of training courses. Apart from the language courses, we offer a wide range of training courses to develop your personal skills or keep in touch with the latest developments in your field. We also support flexible working, equal opportunities and a family-friendly approach.
Applications (CV and cover letter) should be sent to Mr Lars Nilsson, Deputy Chief Economist
(lars.nilsson@ec.europa.eu). For more information, see

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going administrative procedures and formal appointment will be subject to approval by DG Human
Resources.

The selected candidate has to be a citizen of a member state of the European Union.